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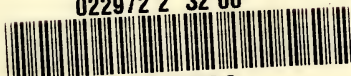
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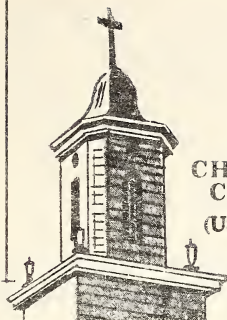


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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF
5:45 P.M. New Testament Class

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

1:00 P.M. Living the Adventure
7:30 P.M. Evangelism Committee

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group,
Pagoda Inn (Southgate)
7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7:30 P.M. Deborah Group, Eunice
Conrad, 4218 Hoagland

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

7:30 P.M. Martha Group, Sandy
Zimmerman, 4223 Beaver

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: PEANUT BUTTER,
POWDERED MILK, CEREAL,
CRACKERS, CANNED MEAT,
NOODLES

blameless before him. He destined us in love to be his sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace which he lavished upon us. For he has made known to us in all wisdom and insight the mystery of his will according to his purpose which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth."

"PARTICIPATING IN THE PURPOSE OF GOD"

I am inviting you to look with me at the call of God as found in the first four chapters of the New Testament book of Ephesians with special emphasis of Chapter 1:3-10 in preparation for Sunday morning worship.

The sermon this Sunday will deal with the call of God to participate in his purpose and my personal evaluation of the strengths of this congregation in that pilgrimage. Ginny Johnson will be soloist at 8:15 A.M. and the Chancel Choir is singing at 10:45 A.M.

PONDER THIS SCRIPTURE TEXT:

"Blessed by the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and

Harold E. Cline

SERVING JANUARY 11

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Sam Hayes and
Ralph Church
10:45 A.M. Miriam Bixenman and
Janet Weicker

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. T. Sauerwein-SW, P.
Yentes-NW, J. Young, C. Olson
10:45 A.M. S. Knuckles-SW, B.
Briggs-NW, L. York-SE, J. Jump-
NE, T. Harter, G. Davis, R. Flick-
inger, G. Falbe

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
E. Snouffer
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
B. Kerley

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mildred Hutchinson & Jo Franklin

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - J. & P. Bickel
NUR. III - G. & C. Falbe
K-1 - J. & B. Hudlow

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Chip & Becca Olson

GIVING COUNTERS

Ronald Flickinger & Herb Banet

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 698 - Mrs. Joan Engle
767 - Mr. Al Devries
ST. JOSEPH: Monty Tobias is sch-
eduled for surgery 1/9 at 7:15 A.M.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Sylvia Smith and her family and
Mary Novachcoff and her family in
the death of their mother, Frances
Perez on December 30.

*"There are three things that only
God knows: The beginning of things,
the cause of things, and the end of
things." - Welsh Proverb*

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIVING

Our Christmas Outreach offer-
ing totalled \$870. Our Christ-
mas Card giving totalled \$290
for the Cleveland Christian Home
for children and \$290 for the
Emily Flinn Home for aged.
Thanks to all who shared in this
\$1,450 in over-and-above giving
for others during the Christmas
Season!

CALLING ALL BOARD MEMBERS!

Our regular January meeting
will be at 7:30 P.M., next Tues-
day, January 13. Annual Reports,
1981 Working Budget, Search Com-
mittee nominees, and other im-
portant business is slated. Ev-
ery member is needed!

THANKS FOR CONSCIENTIOUS WORK!

Mike Mullen has headed our
Refugee Sponsorship Program and
stops virtually daily to attend
to needs and to relate to the
family. Thanks, Mike, for your
regular and steady giving to
help this family in transition!
Thanks to others who have given
themselves in personal efforts
in their behalf -- some known
include: Marlene Crouse, Pat
Bickel, Sharon Pauley, Ralph
Judy Church, Mark Snyder, Ruby
Cline, Bev Hudlow, and Monty
Tobias.

CALENDAR THIS NOW! A Potluck D-
ner to honor Harold and Ruby w-
be held on January 25 at 12
P.M. Meat, rolls, dessert
beverage furnished. Bring tab-
service, vegetable, salad or
fish dish.

Chili Supper

5:00 TO 7:00 P.M., FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 1981

FELLOWSHIP HALL OF FIRST CHRISTIAN

BRING FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS! (Child Care for children under 2)

TICKETS -- \$1.50 ALL PROCEEDS TO MINI-BUS FUND

MENU: Chili or Chili-dog, salad, milk, tea, or coffee and dessert

ENTERTAINMENT: A VARIETY OF CONTINUOUS ENTERTAINMENT FROM

5:00 TO 7:00 P.M. DIRECTED BY MEL BUSSE

SECURE TICKETS THIS SUNDAY OR ANYTIME AFTER THAT IN THE
CHURCH OFFICE

CWF MEETING AND SPOUSE GET-TOGETHER

On January 20 at 7:30 P.M. the CWF will host a Spouse Get-Together. This meeting will be in the Parlor. All women of the church are invited along with their spouse. The program for the evening will include a business session, a speaker, a worship experience, and coffee/dessert.

Rev. Gary Nunnally will be the speaker. His subject - "Men Need Liberation TOO!" He will be talking about the concerns of men in our culture, and how we may grow in sensitivity and understanding towards one another. Other topics will be what the role expectations of men have been and what they are today, emotional restraint and freedom, and male sexuality. Ralph and Judy Church are worship leaders for the meeting.

THERE WILL BE A SHORT CWF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL ON JANUARY 20.

THANKS FOR YEAR-END PUSH!

Our Budget giving for the last Sunday of 1980 was \$4,950.24 which helped out greatly. The Operating Fund ended the year in the red only by \$951.53 because of this effort. The lower giving during the total year also led to the incomplete outreach support of a shortage of \$350 to Week of Compassion and \$2,890 for Basic Mission Finance of the Christian Church.

As effort was made at the last minute for 1980, let us start 1981 with regular and proportionate giving. A basic guideline is BEGINNING COMMITMENT - \$1 per week in giving per \$1,000 of annual income (5%)

TITHING COMMITMENT - \$2 per week in giving per \$1,000 of annual income (10%)

SACRIFICIAL COMMITMENT - \$3 per week in giving per \$1,000 of annual income (15%)

DECEMBER AVERAGES

Worship	291
Church School	121
Through-the-Week educa.	25
Youth Fellowships	12
Budget Giving	\$3,866.46

ADDITIONS DURING DECEMBER:

Charles and Bernice Schnobel
Shannon Jones

USE OF MEMORIAL FUND

\$500 was granted to Chad Cline for the coming semester in his preparation towards a church vocation from our Church Vocation Memorial Trust Fund. This fund underwrites both Church Vocation Scholarships and the Summer Intern Program out of interest earning. This is a strong ministry of this congregation towards developing professional church leaders.

YOUTH NEWS

During the month of January both Chi Rho and CYF youth will be working on the worship service for Youth Sunday, February 1. The youth will be in complete charge of the 10:45 A.M. service. They will be participating in the capacities of elders, deacons, ushers, liturgist and preachers.

CHI RHO

This month Chi Rho will be studying "Drugs: Their affects and our attitudes toward them". We will be discussing different types of drugs, laws concerning possession of drugs, and the role of the church in drug education. We will see a film and have a speaker during this series.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

JANUARY 11-17, 1981

Carolyn (Hendricks) King (11)
Julie (Quinn) Cooke (11)
Bev Hudlow (13)
Jeanne Feltenberger (13)
Mark Lehman (13)
James Fick (13)
Rychie Smell (13)
Irene Current Fox (14)
Loretta Orr (14)
John Roush (14)
Mike Mullen (15)
Jefferson Young (15)
Myron Cole (17)
Adalee Clifton (17)
Jack Williams (17)
Troy Yeoman (17)
Lee Ann Penny (17)

THERE WILL BE NO EXTENDED SESSION ON JANUARY 25 TO ALLOW TEACHERS AND CHILDREN TO BE IN WORSHIP.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
:30 A.M. Church School
:30 P.M. Bell Choir
:30 P.M. Chi Rho and CYF
:45 P.M. New Testament Class
:30 P.M. Gospel Seekers Party
Krulls, 3466 S. Washington Rd.

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

0:00 A.M. Study Group
:00 P.M. Living the Adventure
:30 P.M. Mini-Bus/Membership
Task Force

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

:00 P.M. CWF Executive Committee
:30 P.M. CWF General Meeting
Spouse Guest Night

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
:30 P.M. COME Support Group

COUNTRY NEEDS: CANNED SOUP, CEREAL,
PEANUT BUTTER, POWDERED MILK,
NOODLES, CRACKERS

Worship.

As we look at the basic Gospel this Sunday, are there persons who need to make commitments to Christ or this congregation as a fellow member? Worship is ever a decision time. We are praying and trusting that lives will be expressed in Christian commitment this Lord's Day during worship hours. Be a part of this praying - expectation and decision-making congregation this Lord's Day. SEE YOU SUNDAY IN WORSHIP!

"MEETING CHRIST REMODELS LIFE"

The Christian Gospel centers in Jesus and finding God, life, and relationship through Him. The sermon this Sunday will focus upon this primary encounter with Jesus which is central for all life. It is the crux point and ever needs renewal in the Christian pilgrimage. It is the life-determining starting point for the Christian relationship with God.

The essay of Paul in the New Testament Book of Romans 1 through 8 gives a summary of Gospel of Jesus. The primary text for the sermon will be Romans 12 which in many ways builds upon the essay with the transition word, "therefore" in 12:1. Study and bring Bibles to Sunday worship. Let the twelfth chapter of Romans ring into your mind and heart in preparation for this hour of

SERVING JANUARY 18

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and
Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Barbara Short and
Mark Akers

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Olson-SW, J. Franklin-NW, M. Hutchinson, B. Pauley

10:45 A.M. V. Taylor-SW, N. Lucas-NW, L. York-SE, M. Mullen-NE, J. Bickel, K. Flickinger, J. Stucky, B. Grimm

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, T. Briggs

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, G. Hosfield, J. Hudlow, S. Johnson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. M. Hartman - K. Rogers

M. Bixenman - E. Brown

S. Hayes - B. Pauley

C. Rice - L. Finkhousen

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Jim Jump & Ken Crawford

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - J. & P. Bickel

NUR. III - G. & C. Falbe

K-1 - J. & B. Hudlow

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

The Jerry Zimmerman family

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW: 515 Mrs. Jennie Harter

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Fran Eckert and family in the death of her husband, Charles, on January 7 in Florida.

To Mary DeVries and family in the death of her husband, Al, on January 8.

MINI-BUS TASK FORCE MEETING

All members of the Membership and Mini-Bus Committee are needed on Monday, January 19 at 7:30 P.M. for a meeting. This is open to any person interested in the Church moving forward to accomplish this goal! READ ON!

MINI-BUS ON DISPLAY!

A Mini-Bus such as is being discussed and dreamed for First Christian will be on display this Sunday morning for all to see. This is to visualize what is being planned to facilitate transportation, fellowship, and programming. Special gifts are welcome at any time, marked, "MINI-BUS FUND."

GOSPEL SEEKERS CLASS

The Gospel Seekers Class will meet in the home of Mark and Rosemary Krull, 3466 S. Washington Rd. at 7:30 P.M. this Sunday night for a farewell party for the Clines.

Pat Norman has been elected class president and Virginia Bruckman, secretary-treasurer. A new study will begin on February 1st.

MONDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

The Study Group that meets at the church every other Monday morning for study and prayer is open for new members!

Next meeting of the group is Monday, January 19 at 10:00 A.M. A new study will begin-- "Autobiography of God" (the study of parables) by Lloyd Ogilvie.

STEWARDSHIP ANALYSIS OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - 1980 & 1981

SEEING WHERE WE WERE ON THE 1980 BUDGET

	<u>Anticipated</u>	<u>Actual</u>
277 Estimates of Giving	\$ 147,592.68	\$ 133,949.77
Misc. Income: Ch. Sch.; Loose off.;		
Endowment, Interest, Bldg. usage	6,412.86	6,637.69
77 Non-Estimators Givers	11,415.00	11,118.15
1980 Budget	169,882	152,730.69

122 - 1980 Commitments Behind at Year End - Pledged \$50,547.52;
 Gave \$30,422.26; Amount Short \$20,125.26.

COMPARISON OF 1980 AND PLEDGING FOR 1981:

	<u>1980 PLEDGES</u>	<u>1980 GIVING</u>	<u>1981 PLEDGE</u>
22 moved or moving out	\$ 17,056.80	\$ 13,057.30	
1 deceased member	1,800.00	1,800.00	
79 pledges remaining same	31,134.52	30,599.92	\$ 31,134.52
76 pledges making increases	52,358.80	52,881.89	61,538.60
13 pledges making decreases	16,610.00	14,985.00	11,050.00
88 pledged in '80, not '81	25,379.00	14,762.50	
9 pledged in '81, not '80		1,186.25	3,588.00
71 givers, not pledgers		11,118.15	
Misc. income, Ch. Sch., loose, earnings,			
bldg. usage		6,637.69	
Misc. anonymous and occasion recorded giving		1,025.07	

RESOURCES FOR 1981:

177 Commitments	\$ 107,311.12
88 pledgers during 80, not	
81	14,762.50
71 givers - non pledgers	11,118.15
Misc. Givers recorded	1,025.07
Misc. Income - Ch. Sch.,	
loose, Earnings, bldg.	
usage	<u>10,640.00</u>

ANTICIPATED INCOME \$ 144,856.84

D.M.A. ON JANUARY 27

All retirees, widows, widowers, or persons over 60 are invited for a noon potluck on Tuesday, January 27. The program will be a sound movie taken, edited, and produced by Paul Waugh. Come and enjoy this highlight. Hosting are Earl and Reba Fusselman and Ralph and Doris Richards.

CWF SPOUSE NIGHT JANUARY 20

The General CWF meeting January 20 at 7:30 P.M. is for men and women! A special program is planned that will appeal to both! Gary Nunnally will speak on the theme, "Men Need Liberation Too." Ralph & Judy Church are worship leaders. Hostesses for the dessert following the meeting are the Rebecca Group.

GIFTS NEEDED FOR BYRON HEALTH CARE CENTER

Our CWF is one of four groups in charge of the monthly party for the residents of the Byron Care Center on Monday, February 9. Small gift items are needed for this. They might include: gum, hard candy, mints, hankies, combs, stationary, stamps, playing cards, shoe shine materials, deodorants, stuffed toys, ball point pens, pencils, perfume, pre-stamped envelopes, and pads of paper. These may be placed in the box provided at the south door.

COME SUPPORT GROUP

Those who participated in the 40 hour lab and are involved in continuing work using listening skills are all needed at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, January 22.

CLARIFICATION ON CHILI SUPPER

The cost of \$1.50 includes chili OR a Chili Dog, salad, dessert, and drink- coffee, tea or milk. Extra or seconds on particular parts will be posted. The emphasis is to "BRING A FRIEND." on Friday, January 30. Come between 5:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. Although the purpose is not money raising, any profit will go to the Mini-Bus Fund.

THANKS TO EUNICE!

Eunice Conrad stands in our appreciation for her taking pictures of our new members for the bulletin board. Recently, she has completed a picture album of the past posted pictures as a permanent record of our new members. This resource is available in our Church Library for all to learn to know one another. It is not to be taken from the Library.

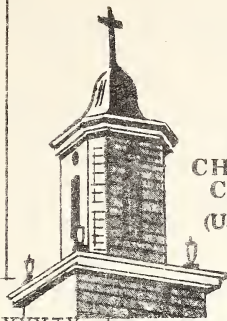
MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

JANUARY 18-24, 1981

Sue Brickley (18)
Jim Jump (18)
Jack Sauerwein (18)
Robert Finkhausen (19)
Twyla Streeter (19)
Val Taylor (19)
Chip Olson (19)
Peg Buskirk (20)
Kenneth Flesher (20)
Tim Sauerwein (20)
Mark Snyder (20)
Mike Stone (20)
Dan Auer (21)
Jim Plummer (21) Harriett Cole (23)
Bob Ulrich (22)
Gladys Hoop (23)
Delores Keebortz (23)

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GREETINGS IN OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!

As I write this farewell, I find many thoughts and many deep feelings running through me. This ministry has been a significant period of my life. Joys and sorrows, victories and defeats have been shared together. I sense a relationship of love with people and thus find this a difficult time. Yet, I want all of you to know that I believe in so many of the unique strengths of this congregation and the possibilities which God has for it. First Christian of Fort Wayne is alive and has much going and much to share with an incoming pastor.

But instead of rambling, let me be guided by another. For a month, I have been pondering various articles from the magazine, ALIVE NOW, September-October, 1979 which focused on "Beginnings/Endings". I sense so much that there are definite endings in my life as well as in the congregation. Likewise as I make a new beginning in South Bend, this congregation will be making a new beginning with an Interim Pastor and later a new Senior Pastor.

William Willimon writes these rules:

RULES FOR ENDINGS

1. Ask yourself what you learned from an ending experience and how you have grown because of it. Someday you must celebrate what the experience meant to you.
2. Allow yourself to grieve for what is past and what is over. Someday you must have a proper burial for what is now behind you.
3. Start envisioning your future without this part of you which is ending.

RULES FOR BEGINNINGS

1. Begin, not with the intention of ending what you begin, but with the expectation to learn and grow in this new beginning.

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SERVING JANUARY 25

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and
Robert Johnson

10:45 A.M. Joe Wiley and
William Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Brown-SW, M. Busse-
NW, J. Hendricks, T. Sauerwein

10:45 A.M. L. York-SW, P. Mullen-
NW, L. Finkhousen-SE, K. Crawford-
NE, M. Callahan, S. Grimm, G. Fal-
be, S. Knuckles

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
Tony & Tim Evans

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
J. Glasgow, S. White, T. York

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NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. D. White

GIVING COUNTERS

R. Flickinger & H. Banet

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW:

515 - Mrs. Jennie Harter

ST. JOSEPH:

801 - Mrs. Charline Craig

562 - Mrs. Ola McLin

COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY

Joe Wiley has recently been elected to serve the unexpired term of Ronald Flickinger on the Board of Directors of Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County. We rejoice in this community expression of leadership.

FOR THIS SUNDAY ONLY...

There will be no Extended Ses-
sion this Sunday. Children
should be with parents.

THREE RESPONSES TO INVITATION

MRS. NORMA STERLING, 6505 Cov-
ington Rd, #131A 04, identified
back in our congregation in a
transfer of membership from Al-
dersgate Methodist Church. She
had been a member here formerly
from 1958-1963. Norma teaches
English and Social Studies at
Portage Middle School. Her main
hobby is reading.

MR. and MRS. RANDALL LEWIS
341 W. Maple Grove, 07, 456-7451
also identified in transfers.
Randy comes from Calvary Luther-
an Church of Angola and Lori
from the New Haven United Metho-
dist Church. He is an account-
ant for H.K. Porter Company in
Huntington and she is a legal
secretary in the law office of
Rothberg, Gallmeyer, Fruechen-
icht, and Logan. He graduated
from Tri State in accounting and
Lori sings and plays the guitar.

We welcome these additions and
pray for responses week by week.

ELDER/SPOUSE MEETING JANUARY 28

All elders and their spouse
are urged to attend this meeting.

The meeting is Wednesday
January 28 from 7:00 to 10:00
P.M. in the Parlor.

Rev. John Wolfersberger, from
the Regional office will give
experienced leadership. Come
and learn more about how to han-
dle Stress Relations, Conflict
Management, and Pressure Resolu-
tions.

This meeting is planned in
response to a request coming out
of the Elder's Retreat, Septem-
ber, 1980. Let's have 100% at-
tendance!

GREETINGS (from page one)

2. Accept a new experience on its own terms. Do not try to repeat the past or duplicate what has been before.
3. Look at yourself every once and a while, and try to get a picture of who you are and what you are becoming because of this new part of you.

For myself, I celebrate the rich, varied, and unique experiences and relationships of ministry. In addition to personal highlights, we have had Congregational ones -- Centennial Celebration, Lay Witness Mission Impact, emergence of younger families among us, dramatic change in giving and outreach, depth learning groups and experiences, remodeling of educational areas, influx of babies and young children, and church vocation experiences with scholarships, interns, commissionings, and ordinations. Thank you for these privileges of partnership!

Sunday, I realize that I end my relationship as a pastor with all of you. This is a very real and definite breaking point which can never be shared again with this congregation. Thus, Monday, I must not only pack and move things to South Bend, but I must allow my dreams and thoughts to move to a new people for whom I will be responsible as a pastor. New relationships must be made so that the congregation can utilize its facility and location in reaching out to persons through program, love, and witness.

As I begin there to try to know the people and build upon the reality of their life and relationship with God, I trust that you will allow the leadership and experience of an Interim Pastor and later a new Senior Pastor to move this congregation onward. Seek to know them both to the depth of their being and find the working of God within their lives. Then, give them the opportunity to function both "to comfort the afflicted" and "to afflict the comfortable." Let there be new beginnings!

In Isaiah 43:18, 19 (TEV) it reads: "The Lord says, 'Do not cling to the events of the past or dwell on what happened long ago. Watch for the new thing I am going to do. It is happening already--you can see it now!'"

One of the growing ideas of my faith has been the concept of Christian life as pilgrimage, thus may I quote Patricia Kennedy Helman:

PILGRIM

*"To begin the Journey is to turn ever so slightly toward God.
The way is not just a walk about.*

(continued on page four)

*It is a holy walk accompanied by his presence.
It ends when the presence and the pilgrim become one
In an exultant beginning that knows no end."*

I look forward to greeting you this Sunday! I would encourage your reading these Scriptures, Ephesians 3:14-21; Philippians 1:3-11, and Colossians 1:3-14 in preparation for the sermon, "ENTRUSTING ONE ANOTHER TO GOD".

Farewell -- God loves you and I love you!

Harold E. Cline

A REMINDER...THERE WILL BE A FAREWELL DINNER FOR HAROLD AND RUBY FOLLOWING THE SECOND WORSHIP HOUR THIS SUNDAY. The dinner is a Potluck and will begin at 12:15 in Fellowship Hall. The meat, rolls, dessert and beverage will be provided. Persons need to bring table service, a salad, vegetable or relish dish. There will be a brief program following the meal. All friends and members are urged to share in this farewell meal.

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BOARD MEETING ACTIONS 1/13/81 - CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 1/25/81

The Board unanimously approved the following nominees for congregational voting next Sunday during worship to serve on the Search Committee seeking a new Senior Pastor, namely, Jack Bickel, George Bruckman, Judy Church, Merle Grimm, Mildred Hutchinson, Bruce Lehman, Bert Leversee, Chip Olson, and Val Taylor.

After much discussion, the Board approved the working Budget for 1981 with a firm commitment for evaluation after three months by the Stewardship Committee and Board. The Budget will come before the congregation for discussion and vote at called congregational meetings during each morning worship hour this Sunday, January 25.

The schedule for weekly outreach payments for 1981 was submitted and given for payments by the treasurer.

The Proposed 1981 Working Budget is printed on page 5 for your study before Sunday morning.

THE PROPOSED 1981 WORKING BUDGET

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP COST	\$ 49,269
Salaries, Housing, Fringe Benefits & all Business Expense cost of Two Pastors	
CHURCH STAFF COST	36,221
Salaries and social security of secretaries, custodians, music staff, and child care	
OFFICE EXPENSES	6,717
Postage, Office supplies & equipment care, Stewardship expenses, 1980 deficit of \$717	
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM	4,500
Educational materials and equipment and programming for children, youth & adults	
PROPERTY	22,750
Insurance, Utilities, Janitorial supplies, Building Maintenance and Improvements	
MEMBERSHIP	3,400
Nurture of Congregation, THE DISCIPLE, Mini-Bus Operation	
WORSHIP	2,200
Special Days & Programs, Music & Communion	
CHURCH GROWTH TO REACH OTHERS	2,800
Advertising, Evangelism, Outreach	
LOCAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH	6,000
Associated Churches, Helping Hand Fund, Campus Ministry, Scout Chaplain	
WORLD OUTREACH	22,935
Basic Mission Finance, Week of Compassion, Reconciliation, American Bible Society, NBA Homes and Division of Overseas Ministries Directed, National Evangelistic Association	
TOTAL 1981 WORKING BUDGET	\$ 157,523

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Our School of Christian Growth has little to no one signed up for its classes. We are in desperate need of registrations if we are going to offer the variety of classes we have planned. Please send in your registrations, or call or obtain one from the church office. If not enough people sign up we will have to cancel the class. We would like to have at least five people per class to make it a worthwhile and interesting experience. The classes being offered this Winter/Spring of 1981 are:

RELATIONAL CHRISTIANITY

Christians With Secular Power

(Men's Breakfast Group)

The Passionate People

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Saturday, 7:00-8:30 A.M.

Wednesday, 9:30-10:30 A.M.

March or May

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Growing Up to God

Sunday, 9:30-10:30 A.M.

BIBLE STUDY

New Testament

Section I

Sunday, 9:30-10:30 A.M.

Section II

Sunday, 5:45-6:45 P.M.

Old Testament: The Psalms Section I

Tuesday, 10:00-11:30 A.M.

Section II

Wednesday, 7:00-8:30 P.M.

Saturday, 10:00-11:30 A.M.

Children's Old Testament

WORSHIP AND MINISTRY

Creative Worship

Saturday, 10:00-11:30 A.M.

Clown Ministry

CHANGED TO

Monday, 7:00-8:30 P.M.

These classes are open to members, friends, people in the community and our other Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) in the city. Please spread the word that we have an exciting schedule of classes available and only at the cost of the book and/or supplies that will be used in each class. REGISTER NOW.

CLOWN MINISTRY

The Clown Ministry Class that is being offered has been changed from Wednesday night to Monday night from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. This change enables more people to participate than indicated Wednesday preference.



A THANK YOU LETTER:

Dr. Harold Cline
First Christian Church

Dear Dr. Cline:

For many years members from your church have provided Christmas caroling through the various buildings at the Fort Wayne State Hospital and Training Center. This project has been promoted by Doug Rogers, a Training Center employee who realizes the value to our residents. This is a special treat for our residents who enjoy being a part of the festive holiday season.

Your group's caroling brings a special message to our residents that says "someone cares for you". If you have any doubts about the value of your service talk to the staff and they will tell you that your presence is important to our clients.

Thank you for your continued support of our mentally retarded.

Sincerely,

Kay Lantz, Director
Volunteer Services Department
Fort Wayne State Hospital and
Training Center

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER - JANUARY 25 - 31, 1981

Marilyn Byers (25)
Dorothy Schmidt (25)
Janet Weicker (25)
Virginia Dare (26)
Deborah Fishring (26)
Metta Stucky (27)
Doug Olson (27)
Dorothy Green (27)
Florence Hagar (28)

Bill Kerley (28)
Wade Smith (28)
Doris Richards (29)
Jack Bennett (29)
Betty Farrow (29)
Jaynie Jenkins (29)
Susan Shaffer (30)
Martha Warner (30)
Natalie Hrich (30)

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast Group

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

12:15 P.M. Farewell Potluck Dinner for Harold and Ruby

4:30 P.M. Bell Choir

5:30 P.M. Chi Rho and CYF

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

1:00 P.M. Living the Adventure

6:30 P.M. Associated Churches
Annual Meeting, First Presbyterian Church

7:30 P.M. Worship & Pastoral Relations Committee

7:30 P.M. Christian Education Committee

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

12:00 Noon D.M.A. Potluck Dinner and Program

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

7:00 P.M. Elder/Spouse Meeting

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

5:00 to 7:00 P.M. CHILI SUPPER

PANTRY NEEDS:

PEANUT BUTTER, NOODLES, TUNA,

POWDERED MILK, CEREAL

D.M.A. THIS TUESDAY!

The D.M.A. (Don't Mention Age!) will have its monthly Potluck Lunch and Program on Tuesday, January 27 at 12:00 Noon in Fellowship Hall. This group is open to any interested person over 60, widows, widowers. Each meeting is a time for good food, fellowship, and an interesting program! Paul Waugh will show one of his excellent sound movies this month.

YOUTH NEWS

Sunday, February 1, is YOUTH SUNDAY. Both Chi Rho and CYF will be in complete charge of the 10:45 A.M. worship hour. They will be participating in the capacities of elders, deacons, ushers, liturgist and preachers. Come join us for a worshipful experience.

CHI RHO

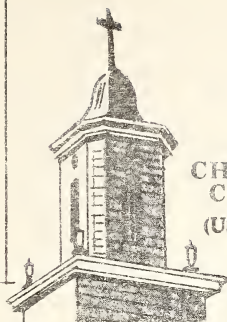
Beginning in February, our Chi Rho will be studying, "Drugs: Their Affects and Our Attitudes Toward Them." We will be discussing different types of drugs, laws concerning possession of drugs, and the role of the church in drug education. We hope to have speakers from Alcoholics Anonymous, Drug Ushers Anonymous, and the Vice and Narcotic Squad. During the study PAR-ENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND so that you have some knowledge of drugs and their influence in the city of Fort Wayne

CHILI SUPPER - JANUARY 30!

Tickets are still available for the All-Church Chili Supper to be held Friday, January 30 from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. This would be a good time to invite friends to the church with you for a delicious supper of chili or chili dog, salad, dessert, coffee, tea, or milk for ONLY \$1.50 per person! There will be child care for children under 2. Continuous entertainment will be directed by Mel Busse. GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

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YOUTH SUNDAY

CHURCH CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 1

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

5:00 - 7:00 P.M. CHILI SUPPER

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

Gary Nunnally, preaching

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

Youth Sunday

4:30 P.M. Bell Choir

5:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

10:00 A.M. Study Group

1:00 P.M. Living the Adventure

7:30 P.M. Meeting of Mini-Bus

Task Force, Membership Com-
mittee & Stewardship Committee

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:00 A.M. Ruth Group (place to
be announced)

7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:30 A.M. Passionate People Class

7:30 P.M. Outreach & Service
Committee

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: NOODLES, SOUP,
POWDERED MILK, CEREAL, CANNED
FRUIT

This Sunday, both Chi Rho and CYF will be in complete charge of our 10:45 A.M. Worship Service. They will be participating in the capacities of elders, deacons, ushers, liturgist, and preachers. The title of the sermon is "Making Our Hearts Christ's Home." Would you open your home and let Christ visit with you? Would you be ashamed to let Him see the rooms that make up your home? The youth will explore a visit with Christ as He visits your home and walks through the various rooms that you may have in your house--the library or study, the dining room, the family room, a workshop, a play room, and a hall closet. Will you let Christ be only a guest in your house or will you be willing to let Him be Lord of your life and give Him the deed to your house describing its assets and liabilities, its situation and condition? Come join us for a worshipful experience as we explore these questions.

Gary Nunnally will be preaching at the 8:15 A.M. Worship Hour.

SERVING FEBRUARY 1

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Robert Johnson and
Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. Youth

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. P. Yentes-SW, J. Young-
NW, M. Hutchinson, C. Olson

10:45 A.M. Youth

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. Youth

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. C. Ludwig - B. Briggs

W. Johnson - M. Mullen

D. Widler - S. Grimm

G. Miller - H. Stevenson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Val Taylor & Lois Finkhousen

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. D. & B. Short

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 888 Mr. Roger Hendrickson

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Paul Yentes and family in the death of his mother, Edith Yentes, who died in Tennessee last week. Services were held in Fort Wayne on 1/26/81.

To Mary Wilhelm in the death of her sister-in-law last week in Cleveland, Ohio.

JANUARY AVERAGES

Church Worship	273
Church School	131
Through-the-Week ed.	24
Youth Fellowships	14
Budget Giving	\$ 3,200.38

NEW MEMBERS DURING JANUARY: Norma Sterling, Randall & Lori Lewis

NOW'S THE TIME TO TRY THE CHOIR

Seems impossible, but there are only 9 rehearsals before Palm Sunday. If you've toyed with the thought that singing the Chancel Choir would be something you would like to try now's the time! We are just beginning the Easter selection so teenagers and adults, males and females, come join us next Thursday at 7:24 P.M. - and bring a friend!

Ann Hayes,
Director

NEW FEATURE! - VISITORS IN WORSHIP

(Note - Beginning this week, there will be a new feature in THE TIDINGS each week! The Evangelism Committee has asked us to list the names of those who are visitors in worship for the first time. Notice these names, do they live near you? Get acquainted. Visitors - thank you for worshipping with us, please come back!)

The Michael Reishing family &
Jim Adams - 919 Thieme Dr.
Scott & Robin Shoemaker
733 Candlelite Ct.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

Our very sincere thanks for all your prayers and loving concern for Shannon's health. Our prayers were heard and she is doing fine.

Love,
Bill & Nancy Wyant

BULLETINS MISSING - We are missing the issue November 11, 1979 from our permanent file--do you have to have a copy? - Call the office

GREETINGS TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF FIRST CHRISTIAN:

Ruby and I wish to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" for the many expressions of gratitude and love! Thank you so much for the Sharp Micro-Wave Oven, the Sterling Silver Coffee and Tea Set with Tray, the \$225, and the Book of Letters and Cards--these will be cherished, appreciated, and be a remembrance of all of you. Also thank-you for the "His" and "Her" Snow Shovels for the white stuff in South Bend!

Thank you for the personal deeds, words, expressions, and gifts made in these closing weeks as your pastor. The dinner was very much appreciated and the three songs written for the occasion with new sounding words, and the comments of Barbara Short for the staff and Andrew Cook for the congregation.

Beyond the immediate and family gratitude to you, I would like to say some words as an outgoing pastor. Thank you for the privilege of ministry in this congregation in the partnership with you in the stewardship of the Gospel. Your support and enabling has been a growing and rich part of my life. Also I thank you for the relationships and sharing of life which make deep ties of love with one another. This love relationship is life-blood of ministry. Finally, thank you for love and words, acts and words of affirmation and caring. Thank you that I could serve as your pastor for these 9½ years!

I realize that my pastorate with you is ended, but I hope that the love and relationship as persons together in Christ might endure. I cannot nor will not serve as a pastor to the congregation or a part of it. This relationship ends. I do cherish your abiding love and care as a fellow Christian and pilgrim of the faith.

I will be serving at First Christian Church, 1101 East Jefferson Blvd., South Bend, Indiana 46614. Ruby and I will make our new home at 624 Cherry Tree Lane, South Bend, Indiana 46617. We would welcome you as persons!

Farewell! May God's Presence and Blessing be Yours!

Harold E. Cline

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER - FEBRUARY 1-7, 1981

Jim Sands (1)	Helen Lobdell (4)	Emma Phillips (6)
Muriel Plitts (2)	Wanda Ingmire (4)	Sharon Knuckles (6)
Anita Fitch (2)	Elizabeth Pattengale (5)	Florence Griffith (7)
Patricia Erdley (3)	Ruth Ann Bozarth (5)	Elinor Place (7)
	Nita Wilson (7)	



BECOME A FOOL FOR CHRIST'S SAKE (I Cor. 4:10)

Are you bored, or just plain tired because you are having to stay inside because of the winter weather, or your job been a little rough on you lately -- well First Christian Church has something interesting to help lift you up from all those negative feelings. In two weeks, on February 9 from 7:00 to 8:30 P. M. we will start our Clown Ministry Class, which will be held in the Conference Room every Monday night for eight weeks.

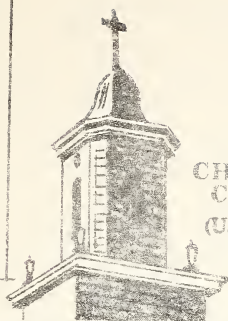
Have you ever wished you could be a child again? Well, now is your chance. Come, enjoy the fun, fellowship, and discovery of yourself as a clown, "a fool for Christ's sake." Don't miss

this exciting series of classes that will enlighten your understanding of God, Jesus Christ, and ourselves.

One may ask, what is Clown Ministry? Clown Ministry is an attempt to incarnate the historic symbol of the clown and inject it into the church. The reason we are beginning a clown ministry is five fold: First, to remind us who we are and what we are about. Second, to remind people not to take worship for granted. Third, to be a part of the prophetic role in the church today. Fourth, to remind us of our humanity the way God intended us to be human. And fifth, to remind us that the clown creates an environment of service, worship, love and fellowship.

Also with our clown ministry we want to convey the message of the clown and Christ as a symbol of joy, hope, as nonconformist, as vulnerable lover and as a servant figure. The discussion topics for the class series will be What is Clown Ministry? Why Be a Clown?; The History of Clowning; Theology of Clowning; Mime Acting, Putting on Makeup and participating in a clown worship service. We are extending registration time for this class one more week so please call the church office if you are interested.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast Group
10:00 A.M. Children's Old Testa-
ment Class

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:15 A.M. Belt Choir Rehearsal
(will be playing both services)
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
4:30 P.M. Chi Rho leave for the
Circus
5:30 P.M. CYF

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:00 P.M. Clown Ministry Class

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group, Atz's
7:30 P.M. Deborah Group, Becca
Olson, 1009 Illsley

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:30 A.M. Passionate People Class
7:30 P.M. Martha Group, Laura
York, 6008 Arlene

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

9:15 A.M. Rachael Group, Library
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: SOUP, NOODLES,
CEREAL, CRACKERS, PEANUT
BUTTER, TUNA, CANNED MEAT

6F Humor" Genesis 17:15, 21:1-7.

Also, we will have a very special guest for our children during
Children's Sermonette so come and enjoy a worshipful experience for
the whole family.

GOD HAS A SENSE

OF HUMOR!

Have you ever wondered if God has a sense of humor? Well, why else would He have created a hippotomus, or a giraffe, or the duck billed plattapus? It seems that God delights in creative uselessness and yet He has a purpose in everything He does. If we look closely at the story of Abraham, Sarah and the birth of their son, Issac (which means laughter) we come to realize that God really does have a sense of humor, he laughs, and delights in His creation of man, woman, animals, and plants.

Even in the New Testament in the twenty-second chapter of Matthew, Jesus is portrayed as a bit of a prankster. The Pharisees try to confuse and trap Jesus into saying something that would discredit him, but instead Jesus shows how foolish the Pharisees really are.

Rev. Gary Nunnally will be preaching on "God Has a Sense

SERVING FEBRUARY 8

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and
Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Mark Akers and
Joe Wiley

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Busse-SW, J. Frank-
lin-NW, J. Hendricks, B. Pauley

10:45 A.M. S. Knuckles-SW, K. Flick-
inger-NW, M. Mullen-SE, B. Briggs-NE,
M. Callahan, J. Bickel, B. Grimm,
G. Falbe

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
E. Snuffer

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
B. Kerley,

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Val Taylor and Lois Finkhausen

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Mike & Pat Mullen

NURSERY WORKER

10:45 A.M. S. Kerley

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - B. Stucky

NUR. III - L. Hendrickson

K-1 - B. & P. Norman

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

864 - Mr. Roger Hendrickson

M-114 - Mrs. Anna Rose Taylor

(Ben Taylor's mother)

PARKVIEW:

544 - Mrs. Debbie White

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Mrs. Nancy Harter and family in
the death of her brother, Keith
Grandienard, in Ashley on 1/28/81.

To Mrs. Susan Thompson and family
in the death of her father, Charles
Atwood, on 1/29. Mr. Atwood was a
former member of our congregation.

WORK OF TIMOTHY

On January 18, 1981, the New
Hope Christian Church was char-
tered in Toledo, Ohio. Ed
Allen, Jr., who was from this
congregation and jointly or-
dained by us is the Organizing
Pastor who has been on the
field since September of 1979.
It is sponsored by the New
Church Development Program of
the Christian Church in Ohio.

Congratulations on this ach-
ievement!

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!

Many thanks to each person
who contributed food and/or
time to help make the Chili
Supper such a success. It was
a fun time for all of us. We
served 189 people and have
\$225 to contribute to the Mini
Bus Fund!

The Evangelism
Committee

THANK YOU:

Dear Friends:

I would like to thank every-
one for their prayers and con-
cern during my recent hospi-
talization and surgery.

My special thanks to those
who sent cards and visited
me during this time.

Many thanks,
Monty Tobias

VISITORS - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1
(the following persons visit-
ed our Worship for the first
time)

Allen Creager - 3324 Sequa-
yah Pass

Chuck Holt - 3205 Plaza Dr.

TOTAL OUTREACH SHARING OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH FOR 1980

Our congregation spent or transmitted 28.3% of all income during 1980 for others through Outreach ministries. This includes budget giving, special day giving, and all other aspects of reported giving and spending of the congregation and the sub-groups.

BASIC MISSION FINANCE OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH \$ 20,726.56

Budget - \$14,110; Woodhaven - \$300; Special Day

Giving - \$3,575; C.M.F. - \$2,741.56

ACTS CAMPAIGN OF INDIANA - All Directed for New 12,000.00

Congregational Development (Budget)

ASSOCIATED CHURCHES AND OTHER COMMUNITY AGENCIES 4,778.14

Budget (Assoc. Chs) - \$3,600; Campus Ministry - \$500;

Boy Scout Chaplain - \$100; C.M.F. - \$330; Good Friday

Offering - \$248.14

WEEK OF COMPASSION 3,600.00

Budget - \$1,750; Special Day - \$1,850

CHURCH VOCATION PROGRAM 2,620.90

Scholarship & Intern (Memorial Fund)

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM 1,733.37

(Special Gifts)

OUTREACH THROUGH CHURCH GROWTH 1,686.92

(Budget)

LOCAL BENEVOLENCE 1,667.96

(Helping Hand - \$706.82; Pantry-\$325.82; Misc. - \$125.32;

Budget, C.M.F., Special Gifts)

NATIONAL EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION (Budget) 1,062.02

RECONCILIATION (Special Day) 650.00

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES 50.00
(Special Directed Personal Gift)

TOTAL OUTREACH OF CHURCH & AUXILIARIES FOR 1980 \$ 50,575.87

YOUTH NEWS

CHI RHO

This Sunday, February 8, the Chi Rho will be going to the Shrine Circus. Those youth not signed up for a ticket need to inform the church office before Saturday, February 7. All youth going to the Circus should meet in the parking lot at 4:30 P.M. We will arrive back to the church around 8:15 P.M. Cost is \$1.50 for those who have signed up, \$3.00 for those who have not. Money is also needed for supper.

On February 15, CHI RHO will begin thier study on Drugs: Their Affect and Our Attitudes Toward Them." Bill and Nancy Wyant will be leading the 6-8 week series. Plans are being made to secure speakers from Drug Users Anonymous and the Vice and Narcotic Squad. During the study PARENTS AND OTHER INTERESTED ADULTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. We will be discussing types of drugs, laws concerning possession of drugs and the role of the church in drug education.

CHI-RHO YOUTH WILL BE COLLECTING PAPER in February for a paper drive in March. If you have paper to donate, leave it at the church or call for pick up by Chi Rho youth.

CYF

On February 15 the CYF will be having a BAKE SALE. We will be offering an assortment of cakes, cookies, and pies. So come by after second worship in Fellowship Hall and pick up a dessert.

This week Tony York will be providing supper at 50¢ per person.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER - February 8-14

Betty Harter (9)	Chris McDou
Susan Knuckles (9)	(12)
Steve White (9)	Gary Nunnally
Kenneth Place (10)	(12)
Heather Jenkins (10)	Virgil Buch
Marvin Crouse (11)	(13)
Bill DeVinney (12)	Arlynn Call
Catherine Freed (12)	(14)
Merle Grimm (14)	
Gene Bozarth (14)	
Robert Neal (14)	
Gary Overmyer (14)	
Tony Evans (14)	

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

The Winter/Spring Semester begins this week! The Men's Breakfast Group will meet Saturday at 7:00 A.M. The Children's Old Testament Class will begin at 10:00 A.M.

On Sunday, the morning section of New Testament will continue with George Bruckman as leader. The Sunday evening section will resume in March. Growing Up to God will begin Sunday morning at 9:30 A.M. in the SE corner of Fellowship Hall.

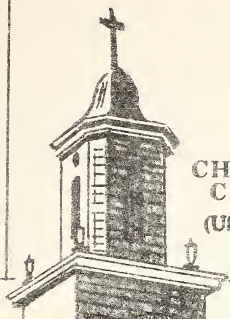
The Clown Ministry class will begin Monday at 7:00 P.M. The Passionate People Class will begin Wednesday, February 11.

Watch TIDINGS for details of the Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The Old Testament Study of Psalms and Creative Worship have been cancelled.

Drumbeat of Love will be offered on Monday afternoons beginning February 23. Karen Flickinger will lead the group. Call the church office to enroll in any of these classes!

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MAURICE THOMPSON TO BE INTERIM SENIOR PASTOR

The Search Committee has recommended the calling of J. Maurice Thompson as Interim Senior Pastor for First Christian Church. The calling of an Interim Senior Pastor is one of the functions of the Search Committee.

Many of our congregation will remember that Maurice and Avis were with us briefly in 1980 as Interim Associate Pastors. So, for many of us this will be a reacquaintment with two friends. It will be good to have them back!

Maurice will serve as our Interim Senior Pastor until a Senior Pastor is called and able to be with us. Maurice will begin his service with us on March 1.

Before retirement Maurice served pastorates in Indiana and Oregon. Since retirement he has served Interim pastorates in Indiana and Ohio.

The Thompsons plan to secure an apartment in Fort Wayne and will, of course, spend some time in their home in Huntington.

WEEK OF COMPASSION FEBRUARY 15-22

Through this year's Week of Compassion, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) hope to assist millions of poor people in underdeveloped countries and in our own country by providing them with food, medicine, tools, seeds, training, shelter, and clothing.

If we care enough to give in Christ's name, people who are caught in poverty, war, and famine can be resettled in new lands, homes and jobs, learning skills to produce clothing for their families and to increase income, develop new skills in language and literacy, build adequate housing, and renew the poor's sense of pride, self-worth and hope. The choice is ours.

Jesus said, "As you did it to one of the least of these you did it to me." Rev. Gary Nunnally will be preaching on "The Right Kind of Service" this Sunday at both the 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. Worship Hours. Luke 10:38-42.

SERVING FEBRUARY 15

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. William Franklin and
Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Dean Widler and
Glenn Miller

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Brown-SW, J. Young-
NW, C. Olson, P. Yentes

10:45 A.M. P. Mullen-SW, L. Fink-
housen-NW, H. Stevenson-SE, N.
Lucas-NE, G. Davis, V. Taylor, L.
York, S. Grimm

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
T. Briggs

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
G. Hosfield, J. Hudlow, S. Johnson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Julia Hendricks & Pat Mullen

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. M. Snyder - P. Yentes

B. Short - T. Sauerwein

B. Taylor - M. Busse

J. Wiley & Ken Crawford

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. J. & P. Bickel

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - B. Stucky

NUR. III - L. Hendrickson

K - 1 - B. & P. Norman

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Jim & Leesa Jump

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

864 - Mr. Roger Hendrickson

M122 - Mrs. Anna Rose Taylor
(Ben's mother)

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Sam Hayes and family in the
death of his father, Bill Hayes,
on February 10.

EXTRA!! EXTRA!! EXTRA!!

Be sure to pick up one of the
Week of Compassion Newspapers
on February 15. Copies will be
available to all Sunday School
Class members, and you will find
extra copies at the doors to the
sanctuary.

Our goal for this Special
Offering is \$5.00 per active
member. Will you help us reach
our goal during the week of Feb-
ruary 15-22? May God touch our
hearts as we work at needs of
those who suffer in our world.

DSF TO POKAGAN

The Disciple Singles Fellow-
ship will be going to Pokagan
State Park for a fun day in the
snow this Saturday, February 14.
The group will meet at North
Christian at 9:00 A.M. Bring
a sack lunch and any equipment
you need. Group will either to-
boggan or cross-country ski.

PARENT'S MEETING

The Christian Education Com-
mittee is calling a second
Parent's Meeting, Tuesday,
February 17 at 7:30 P.M. We
will be updating the Extended
Session Program and discussing
current needs of the Education-
al Program for children and
youth. Your attendance will
be most helpful!

CYF BAKE SALE -- SUNDAY, FEB-
RUARY 15 -- FELLOWSHIP HALL --
AFTER 10:45 A.M. WORSHIP

PRAYER RETREAT

Our GWF is sponsoring a Prayer Retreat for interested persons the week end of March 6 & 7. The Retreat will be at Barbee Camp in the big house. We will begin with the evening meal on Friday and close at 4:00 P.M. on Saturday. Evelyn Hale, the Administrative Assistant to the President of Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis will be our guest leader. Evelyn is an ordained minister and has specialized in leading retreats such as this. She comes highly recommended by Ruby Cline and Joan Williams of our Regional Office. Theme for the weekend will be "Personal Prayer: Getting in Touch With God". We hope to have at least 20 in attendance. Will you be one of them? Cost of the retreat is \$10.00 per person, plus a share in the food. Those signing up will be assigned portions of the food to bring. Reservations are necessary. Please notify Miriam Bixenman (745-3365) or the church office of your intention to attend by or before February 20.

FIRST CHRISTIAN DURING 1980

Statistical highlights for 1980 include 38 additions which tied with 1979. A budget all-time high average of \$2,937.13 weekly, and a high in Through-the-Week Christian Education of 47 per week.

Additions to our congregation included 4 of biological growth--confessions and baptisms of children of member families; 10 by conversion growth--confessions and baptism of adults or of first members of a family group; and 24 transfers. These 38 additions are higher than the average for the past 15 years and is a positive direction.

We lost 35 members by death and transfer of whom 8 had been non-participating. Our Participating Membership increased slightly to 534 while our total recorded membership stayed constant at 792.

Worship average dropped to 267 which was a drop of 14 from 1979 and from 1978. It was the lowest since 1971 which was 238. Church School averaged 126, a drop of 3 but not the low 120 in 1978. Through-the-Week Christian Education climbed to a weekly average high of 47 up 3 from 1979 and up 14 from 1978.

Total giving of the church for all causes was \$178,559.39 with a per capita average of \$334.38 per Participating Member. Outreach expenditures were \$50,575.87 or \$94.71 per participating member and 28.3% of all receipts. Budget Giving needed the year at \$152,730.68 or \$2,937.13 weekly. It was \$102 per week more than 1979 and \$450 more weekly than 1978.

In Memorial Funds Permanent Funds increased to \$50,787 with a total balance as of 12/31 of \$54,923.48.

We praise God for the commitment of life and expression of life evidenced through these statistics which are indicators of lives in Jesus Christ!

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

9:00 A.M. DSF meet at North
Christian for Pokagan
10:00 A.M. Children's Old
Testament Class

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. CYF and CHI RHO

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

10:00 A.M. Morning Study Group
7:00 P.M. Clown Ministry
Class

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:30 P.M. Parent's Meeting
7:30 P.M. Search Committee

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9:30 A.M. Passionate People
Class

7:30 P.M. Mini-Bus Task Force

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS:

CANNED GREEN BEANS, CANNED
GREEN PEAS, POWDERED MILK,
TUNA, CANNED MEAT, SOUP

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER FEBRUARY 15-21

Brett Lucas (15)
William Howard (15)
Martha Hunt (16)
Edythe Metcalf (16)
Karen Rogers (16)
Karen Doehrman (16)
Donald Crouse (19)
Tim Knuckles (19)
Romane Cole (20)
Florence Huddleston (20)
Margaret Jenkins (21)

YOUTH NEWS

CHI RHO

This Sunday, February 15, the CHI RHO will start their study of Drugs: Their Affect and Our Attitudes Toward Them. Bill and Nancy Wyant will be discussion leaders for this very interesting and informative series. We hope to have a speaker from Alcoholics Anonymous this Sunday so be sure and come. PARENTS AND OTHER INTERESTED ADULTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ALONG WITH THEIR YOUTH!

CHI RHO WILL BE COLLECTING PAPERS the rest of the month of February and part of March for a PAPER DRIVE later in March. The youth would appreciate as many people as possible saving their papers for the PAPER DRIVE. We would like to use the money we receive for some type of outreach project and learning activities.

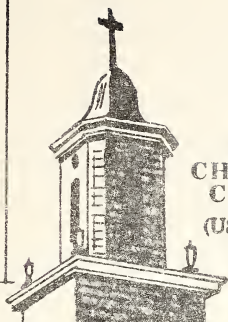
CYF

This Sunday, February 15, the CYF will be having a BAKE SALE. They will be offering an assortment of homemade cakes, cookies, and pies. They will add just the right touch to your Sunday dinner or supper. So, come by after the second worship service in the Fellowship Hall and pick up a dessert!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
10:00 P.M. Children's Old Testa-
ment Class

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
1:30 P.M. Bell Choir
6:30 P.M. CYF and Chi Rho

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

1:00 P.M. Drumbeat of Love
Class
7:00 P.M. Clown Ministry
Class

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

12:00 Noon D.M.A. Potluck
and Program

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:30 A.M. Passionate People
Class

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:30 P.M. COME Support Group
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS

SOUP, POWDERED MILK, CANNED

FRUIT, CANNED MEAT, CRACKERS

THE OBSCURE DISCIPLE

Of all the twelve disciples that assisted Jesus in his ministry, James, the Son of Alphaeus, is the least known and can rightly be called the "Obscure Disciple." James, like many of the disciples was unique in his own way.

Although not much is known about James, he truly can be considered one of these people whose unheralded and unknown contributions have been the backbone of progress. James may be somewhat an unknown and unremembered character in the New Testament, yet he rendered a vital ministry to the church.

Come worship with us this Sunday as Rev. Gary D. Nunnally preaches on "The Obscure Disciple" at both the 8:15 A.M. and 10:45 A.M. Worship Hours. The scripture text is Mark 3:18, 1981. Bill Wyant will be playing an original piano composition at both worship hours.

SERVING FEBRUARY 22

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Rolland Ripple and
Sam Hayes

10:45 A.M. Janet Weicker and
Barbara Short

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Hendricks-SW, J.
Franklin-NW, M. Busse

10:45 A.M. K, Crawford-SW, M.

Mullen-NW, M. Tobias-SE, J.

Stucky-NE, T. Harter, N. Lucas,

K. Rogers, J. Briggs

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
Tony & Tim Evans

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,

J. Glasgow, S. White, T. York

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Julia Hendricks & Pat Mullen

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. G. or C. Falbe

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - B. Stucky

NUR. III - L. Hendrickson

K-1 - B. & P. Norman

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Miriam Bixenman and Peg Buskirk

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

684 - Mr. Terry Walters

869 - Mr. Roger Hendrickson

M-122 - Mrs. Anna Rose Taylor

(Ben Taylor's mother)

ST. JOSEPH:

711 - Mrs. Alma Lehman

(Ethel Allen's sister)

NOTE: The inside section of TIDINGS
is our annual report of Memorial
Funds. Read it and rejoice in
this work of our congregation!

LOOK WHAT \$5.00 CAN BUY!

-- 3 sleeping mats

or

-- 11 pounds of rice

or

-- a large cooking pot

or

-- a mesquite net to help
prevent malaria

We are hoping for a \$5.00
donation from every member dur-
ing our Week of Compassion
Appeal. Remember, Jesus said
"I tell you, when you did this
for the least important of these
brothers of mine, you did it for
me." (Matthew 25:40)

D.M.A. POTLUCK AND PROGRAM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

The D.M.A. (Don't Mention
Age) will have its monthly pot-
luck luncheon and program in
Fellowship Hall on Tuesday
February 24 at 12:00 noon.
Luncheon hostesses are: Grace
Truby, Bernice Montgomery, and
Roxy Wunderlich.

The program will be presented
by a representative from the
Wagon Wheel Playhouse in Warsaw.
She will show slides and talk
of the theatre.

Friends:

I want to thank everyone for
all their cards, care and con-
cern in the passing away of my
husband, Charles F. Eckert.

Also thanks to the Come
Double Class for the memorial
gift book in memory of Charles.

God bless you!

Love,

Fran Eckert &
family

TEWARDSHIP ANALYSIS - 1980

Ed. note: we have been printing articles in the past several weeks which came as result of our year-y reporting of congregational growth and giving records. This article will conclude this series.)

<u>VEPAGE WEEKLY GIVING</u>	<u>TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS</u>
ver \$100	2
75 to \$100	0
50 to \$ 75	6
40 to \$ 50	0
30 to \$ 40	11
25 to \$ 30	6
20 to \$ 25	13
15 to \$ 20	23
12 to \$ 15	20
10 to \$ 12	14
8 to \$ 10	23
5 to \$ 8	37
4 to \$ 5	18
2 to \$ 4	44
1 to \$ 2	32
.50 to \$ 1	16
.00 to \$.50	65
	<u>330</u>

WE REJOICED IN:

19 giving \$30 or more, a jump of from 1979.
 95 giving \$10 or more, a jump of 7 from 1979.
 413 giving unite, the largest number in the decade.

WE ARE CONCERNED THAT:

65 households gave less than 26 during the year.
 175 households gave \$5 or less -- this is over half of our households.

RESPONSIBLE GIVING IS BASED ON COMMITMENT EXPRESSED IN REGULAR AND PROPORTIONATE GIVING!

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION FOR PRAYER RETREAT IS FEBRUARY 20!

You have until February 20 to register for this Friday night-Saturday Retreat to be held at Barbee Christian Camp. The CWF is sponsoring this event. The retreat, to be held on Friday and Saturday, March 6 & 7, will begin with the evening meal, on Friday and conclude at 4:00 P.M. on Saturday.

Evelyn Hale, currently the Administrative Assistant to the President of Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis will be our retreat leader. An ordained minister, Evelyn specializes in retreats such as ours and come highly recommended!

The theme of the retreat is "Personal Prayer: Getting in Touch with God."

Cost for the retreat is \$10.00 per person plus a share in the food. (We will be preparing our own meals.) When you register, you will be assigned portions of the food to bring. Register by calling Miriam Bixenman, (745-3365) or the church office, (744-3239).





CHI RHO

Last week, the Chi Rho began its series on DRUGS: THEIR AFFECT AND OUR ATTITUDES TOWARD THEM. This week the group will continue to discuss Alcoholism, its affects, and we will have a speaker from Alcoholics Anonymous. PARENTS AND OTHER INTERESTED ADULTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THESE VERY INFORMATIVE SERIES-DISCUSSIONS AND SPECIAL SPEAKERS.

CYF

Last week the CYF discussed having an "Overnight Hunger Lock-in" at the church and plans are being made for a PROGRESSIVE DINNER on Sunday night, March 1. More information about these two events will be available in next week's TIDINGS.

Thanks to all persons who helped in the CYF BAKE SALE last Sunday--- food preparers as well as purchaser's!

Youth food preparer for this coming Sunday evening is Ronnie Flickinger.

DRUMBEAT OF LOVE CLASS

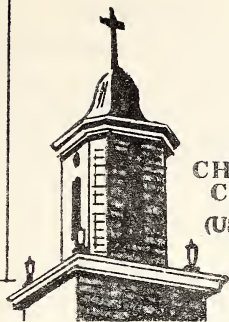
Lloyd Ogilvie's study of Acts presents a biography of the persistent drummer--the indwelling Christ. His insights stir Christians who are tired of dull "business as usual" living. Join us as Ogilvie shares how he thinks God intended life to be lived and the church to be used as a channel of power. Class begins Monday, February 23 -- 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. -- child care provided. Call the church office to register - 744-3239. Karen Flickinger is the class's leader.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

FEBRUARY 22 - 28, 1981

Walter Bowen (22)
Steve Hall (22)
Judith Brickley (23)
Barbara (Love) Mettler (23)
Susan Rousseau (23)
Ronnie Flickinger (25)
Dan Church (25)
Eunice Conrad (25)
Freda Flaugh Householder (25)
Cathy Katt (26)
Homer Stevenson (26)
Bette Gerrard (27)
Debbie Brian (28)
Tim Briggs (28)
Bill Lehman (28)

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

10:00 A.M. Children's Old Testa-
ment Class

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
Hours

9:30 A.M. Church School

4:30 P.M. Bell Choir

5:30 P.M. Chi Rho

5:30 P.M. CYF meet at church
for Progressive Dinner

7:00 P.M. Disciple Singles
Fellowship, North Christian

MONDAY, MARCH 2

10:00 A.M. Morning Study Group

1:00 P.M. Drumbeat of Love
Class

6:30 P.M. Mary Magdalene Group,
Pat Norman, 2027 Carterton

7:00 P.M. Clown Ministry Class

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

9:00 A.M. Ruth Group, Mary
Cook, 323 W. Oakdale

7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

9:30 A.M. Passionate People
Class

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group, Almeda
Rice, 3402 River Forest

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

8:00 P.M. Outreach & Service
Committee

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

WELCOMES

INTERIM SENIOR PASTOR

This Sunday, J. Maurice Thomp-
son, will be sharing in both wor-
ship hours in his first Sunday as
our Interim Senior Pastor. He
will be preaching a sermon en-
titled, "THE MARK OF A CHRISTIAN"
The Scripture text is John 13:
31-35.

Maurice just completed an In-
terim Pastorate in Frankfort, In-
diana at the end of January.
Since completing this pastorate,
he and Avis have enjoyed vacation
days in Florida just relaxing and
visiting friends.

Maurice and Avis anticipate
with pleasure their return to us
and the prospect of their time
among us as Interim Pastor.

We urge you to be present this
Sunday as we worship and celebrate
our oneness as the family of God
and as we welcome Maurice and
Avis back among us.

SERVING MARCH 1

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Rolland Ripple and
Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. Mark Akers and
Joe Wiley

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Pauley-SW, M. Hutchinson-NW, J. Hendricks, C. Olson

10:45 A.M. L. York-SW, K. Flickinger-NW, S. Knuckles-SE, J. Bickel-NE, R. Flickinger, G. Falbe, M. Calahan, M. Tobias

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. C. & B. Olson

10:45 A.M. M. Bixenman & P. Buskirk

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
G. Bozarth, B. Wyant.

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M.

C. Ludwig - P. Mullen

M. Hartman - J. Young

G. Klepfer - J. Jump

B. Leversee - M. Hutchinson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Susan Knuckles & Karen Rogers

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. N. Wyant

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Mark & Cindy Akers

DINNERS OF 8 SCHEDULE

You should be receiving your copies of the Dinners of 8 schedule for March and April this week. Again, we are sending both months together so that persons may plan their meals ahead.

The office is grateful to Becky Stucky for working up the schedules and addressing the envelopes for the mailing! If you have questions regarding the schedule itself, call Becky at 447-3826. The office would appreciate knowing when your dinner was held and who attended!

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Rosalie Hall and family in the death last week of her father.

To Margaret Snouffer and family in the death last week of her aunt.

PANTRY NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, PEANUT BUTTER,

CANNED MEAT, TUNA, APPLESAUCE,

FRUIT COCKTAIL

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

684 - Mr. Terry Walters

416 - Mr. Robert Rayl

PARKVIEW:

226 - Mrs. Ann Park

(Becky Glasgow's mother)

ST. JOSEPH:

711 - Mrs. Alma Lehman

(Ethel Allen's sister)

(ed. note: Now that we are a Food Bank as well as working with the Welfare Department with the PANTRY we are sharing more food and emptying our food shelves more rapidly. Items may be left at any time in the boxes marked in Fellowship Hall.)

PRAYER RETREAT

To date, the following persons have registered for the Prayer Retreat to be held at Camp Barbee, March 6 and 7: Judy Church, Connie Wells, Betty Briggs, Donna Byers, Peg Buskirk, Miriam Bixenman, Laura York, Pat Mullen, Sharon Pauley, Janet Weicker and Cheryl Childers (a North Christian member). There is still room for four more. Let Miriam Bixenman or the church office know if you are interested. Cost is \$10.00, plus a share in the food. Those attending are to bring their own bedding, toilet articles, wash cloths, and towels. We will leave the church parking lot at 5:00 P.M. on March 6.

SPRING BANQUET

It is not too early to be planning to attend the Spring Banquet! The Banquet, sponsored by CWF, is an annual event and highlight of the year. This year's Banquet will be Tuesday, March 17, at 6:30 P.M. Although the Banquet is sponsored by CWF, it is open to the entire church! The speaker this year is REV. JOE WATKINS, the Campus Minister at IU-PU, Fort Wayne, so teen-agers may be especially interested. The meal is a potluck dinner, so those attending are asked to bring covered dishes and their own table service. Virginia Johnson will be the worship leader. The theme for the evening is "TRUSTING: A LIFE STYLE IN CHRIST." Reservations will be appreciated by March 15. Please phone the church office (744-3239) or Miriam Bixenman (745-3365).

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer services will this year be on Friday, March 6 at 1:00 P.M. at the Precious Blood Catholic Church. The Theme for the services is "The Earth Is the Lord's". The service was written by six American Indian tribes. Sister Ida, the librarian at St. Theresa School will be the speaker. She has worked with the Pueblo and Zuni Indian tribes. World Day of Prayer is an outstanding ecumenical worship experience.

VISITORS IN WORSHIP

(We are so pleased to have had the following persons visiting in worship this past Sunday for the first time! Please worship with us again whenever you can.)

Jay and Jerry Weddell, 6440 Fairfield, 07

Mr. Bob Bushman and Miss Betty Jo Tripllett, Manchester College

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Olson, Indianapolis, Indiana

FOR YOUTH. . .

YOUTH NEWS

CHI RHO

This Sunday evening, the Chi Rho will continue their series on Drugs by discussion the topic: "MARIJUANA: ITS AFFECTS, WHO USES IT, THE LAWS CONCERNING IT, AND THE SOCIAL AND RELIGIOUS ISSUES THAT SURROUND IT."

CYF

This Sunday evening, the CYF will be having a PROGRESSIVE DINNER. All youth are to meet at the church at 5:30 P.M. and we will leave together from here to go to the various stops on our "dinner route."

The first stop will be at Tim Briggs' for appetizers at 5807 Fernwood. The second stop will be at Tim and Sharon Knuckles for salad at 511 Dori Lynn Dr., Apt. G. The third stop will be at Mai Pauley's for a vegetable dish at 2720 Marcy Lane. The fourth stop will be at Tim and Laura Sauerwein's for the entree at 4715 South Wayne. The last stop will be at Chip and Becca Olson's for dessert at 1009 Illsley.

At the time of this writing 12 youth plan to attend the Progressive Dinner. Let's try to have even more attend. There's going to be a lot of good food and fellowship!

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER MARCH 1-7, 1981

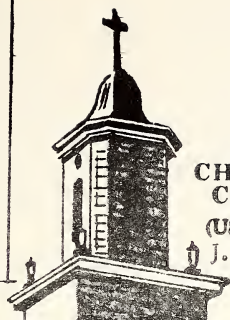
Barbara Busse (1)
Carl Linn (1)
Jerry Zimmerman (1)
Bueford Tharp (1)
Lee Baugher (2)
Frank Moody (2)
Myrtle Hendrick (3)
Ruth Ventes (4)
Linda Peterson (5)
Sally Cline (5)
Bill Johnson, II (5)
Benjamin McCarel (5)
Richard Hamilton (6)
Alpha Piercy (6)
Robert Orr (7)
Cora Harnish (7)

PLAN AHEAD FOR THIS SPECIAL YOUTH PROGRAM!

Coming up MARCH 15 at 6:00 P. in the YOUTH LOUNGE, we will have an officer from the Vice and Narcotics Squad of the Fort Wayne Police Department as our guest. CHI RHO AND CYF YOUTH, THEIR PARENTS AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CONGREGATION are invited to this meeting. The officer will discuss various types of drugs - Amphetamines, Cocaine, Heroin, Barbiturates, Marijuana and others.

THOUGHT TO PONDER! "You have failed when you have failed to try."

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY-SATURDAY

Prayer Retreat at Camp Barbee

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

10:00 A.M. Children's Old Test-
ament Class

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

4:30 P.M. Bell Choir

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

MONDAY, MARCH 9

1:00 P.M. Drumbeat of Love
Class

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild,
Pearl Heidecker, 2445 Fair-
field

7:00 P.M. Clown Ministry Class

7:30 P.M. Evangelism Committee

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group,
Atz's, Tillman Road

7:30 P.M. Search Committee

7:30 P.M. Board of Elders

7:30 P.M. Deborah Group, Opal
Carper, 535 High St.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

9:30 A.M. Passionate People
Class

7:30 P.M. Martha Group, Bev
Hudlow, 6950 Hiltonia

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

9:15 A.M. Rachel Group, Library

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

TOWARD A GREATER FAITH

When our religion becomes flat, stale, tasteless, the response of most people is a very wide yawn!

But, the reaction of the world to Jesus was quite the opposite. "When a man cures epileptics, breaks up funerals, lifts prostitutes, and saves sinners, some momentous reaction must be expected. You can either put a scepter in his hand and call him king, or stick a spear in his side and call him crazy."

During His last week on earth, Jesus sums up life and death, resurrection and eternity by what He said and did. Your Interim Minister invites you to open your Bible and relive "The Week That Shook the World" by reading Matthew 21: 12-22, events that occurred on Monday, and then hearing Sunday's message on

"THE STRANGE UPSETTER!"

Move toward a greater faith as you also are blessed by our fine ministry of music. A special quartet will be participating on Sunday. The quartet, the Musical Renditions, have been singing 4-part harmony, barbershop style, for five years, performing throu-

(continued on page three)

SERVING MARCH 8

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and
Sam Hayes

10:45 A.M. William Johnson and
Bert Leversee

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. T. Sauerwein-SW, M.
Busse-NW, E. Brown, J. Young

10:45 A.M. L. Finkhausen-SW, P.
Mullen-NW, K. Crawford-SE, N.

Lucas-NE, J. Jump, S. Grimm, T.
Harter, K. Rogers

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
E. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
B. Kerley

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Gene & Eileen Klapfer

10:45 A.M. Merle & Betty Grimm

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Susan Knuckles & Karen Rogers

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Ben & Val Taylor

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. N. Harter

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II -

NUR. III - N. Lucas

K-1 - D. & K. Rogers

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

416 - Mr. Robert Rayl

439 - Jeffrey Schultz

ST. JOSEPH:

711 - Mrs. Alma Lehman
(Ethel Allen's sister)

TO ALL ELDERS!

The Elder's Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, at 7:30 P.M. The agenda includes a presentation by Rev. Joe Baker, Faith Baptist Church, on the Bethel Bible Series.

100% attendance is needed!

PRAYER RETREAT PARTICIPANTS

In addition to the eleven persons listed in last week's TIDINGS for the prayer retreat, Bev Hudlow, Marge Lehman, and Becky Stucky will also be sharing in the Friday night - Saturday experience at Camp Barbee

VISITORS IN WORSHIP

(The following persons were first-time visitors in last Sunday's worship hours.)

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Janes

124 Lexington Ct. 46806

Mr. & Mrs. Dallas Horflick
Ossian, Indiana

BELL CHOIR NEEDS "WARM BODIES"

Seriously, the BELL CHOIR needs one or two additional persons to join the Choir. No age restrictions! Rehearsals are Sunday afternoon at 4:30 P.M.

The Bell Choir is playing not only for our worship services but in other congregations as well. They have played at South Wayne United Methodist Church, Calvary Presbyterian Church and they are scheduled to play at the Salem United Church of Christ. Mel Busse is Bell Choir Director.

A MOMENT WITH MAURICE. . .

Greetings, dear friends! Your invitation to be your Interim Senior Minister for a while is an honor quickly overshadowed by an humbling sense of the responsibility it carries. Yet I take up the task, remembering the greatness of First Christian, your glorious heritage and your challenging future, as I have come to know through our associations. I bid you join me to claim the promise of our Lord to those who give their best to His Mission, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end."

In this Interim ministry I come to assist you in making that transition of love and loyalty to a highly beloved pastor to another whom you shall call within a few months. Together, we must not only "hold the line", but from the achievements of the past we must continue to move forward. Neither I, nor the staff, nor even the Board of Trustees, can do this alone -- we all must pull together with our best at all times!

Let me assure you that in this temporary relationship I shall be available to serve you in all the usual ways of ministerial leadership and service. Please feel free to call me.

While in Fort Wayne, we shall be living at the Bridgedale Terrace Apartments, 3009 St. Louis Ave., Zip - 46809. The telephone there is: 47-2628.

With much love,

Maurice

TOWARD A GREATER FAITH (from page one)

ghout Northeastern Indiana. They have now added gospel music, barbership style, to their repertoire. Members of this versatile group are: Tillie Brendell-lead, Ginny Mertz-baritone, Carol Miller-bass, and Donna Maxwell-tenor. Our Director of Music, Ann Hayes, is their director.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

MARCH 8-14, 1981

Elizabeth Flesher (8)
Hortense Futterer (8)
Jerry Warner (8)
Vada Tatman (8)
Rex Alan Clifton (9)
Arthur Busse (10)
Richard Dobson (10)
Kathleen Simon (10)
Mary McCarthy (12)
Florence Palmer (12)
Kevin Mory (12)
Anita Fountain (14)
Gordon Howell (14)
Ethel Shroyer (14)

NEWS FOR YOUTH

CHI RHO

This week Chi Rho youth will continue their study on Marijuana: Its affects and the social and religious attitudes that surround it.

CYF

Coming up April 24-26, starting at 7:00 P.M. on the 24th and ending at 3:00 P.M. on the 26th, will be the 1981 REGIONAL CYF ASSEMBLY at Anderson College, Anderson, Indiana. The theme will be "LIFE IN THE SPIRIT." Those interested in attending see Gary Nunnally or Becca and Chip Olson.

REMEMBER -- On March 15 at 6:00 P.M. in the Youth Lounge ALL YOUTH AND PARENTS AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to attend a Presentation-Discussion by Detective Stoner from the Vice and Narcotics Squad of the Fort Wayne Police Department. This program promises to be very informative and interesting for both adults and youth.

PANTRY NEEDS

GREEN BEANS

SOUP

POWDERED MILK

CANNED MEAT

NOODLES

THE FILM: JONI

JONI, well known to many in book form, is now a motion picture! JONI confronts the issues of how a person suffers a devastating accident, braves death and losses the use of her arms and legs. She was faced with pain, heart-ache, fear, depression, and an overwhelming feeling that she was deserted by God. Yet, the film also confronts the issue of facing these feelings and comes up with a triumphant answer. JONI will be shown at the Southtown Mall Cinema, from March 27 through April 2. See Karen Flickinger for advance tickets.

SPRING BANQUET

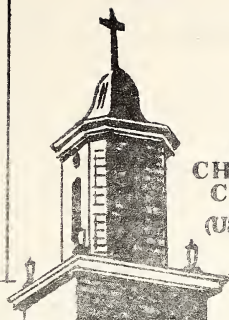
WOMEN! Are you making plans to attend the SPRING BANQUET? Remember, it will be March 17, a Tuesday, at 5:30 P.M. The meal will be a potluck dinner--bring a covered dish to share and your own table service. Guests welcome and encouraged!

The program speaker is Rev. Joe Watkins, Campus Minister at IU-PU, Fort Wayne. Joe is an outstanding, dynamic speaker who appeals to all ages!

Virginia Johnson will be worship leader. The Martha Group will hostess and provide table decorations. Phone the church office (744-3239) or Miriam Bixenman (745-3365) for reservations.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

10:00 A.M. Children's Old Testament Class

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

4:30 P.M. Bell Choir

5:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF

6:00 P.M. Special Joint Session
of Chi Rho & CYF and Parents
on Drug Abuse - Youth Lounge

MONDAY, MARCH 16

10:00 A.M. Study Group

1:00 P.M. Drumbeat of Love
Class, Karen Flickinger, Leader

7:00 P.M. Clown Ministry Class,
Gary Nunnally, leader

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

6:30 P.M. SPRING BANQUET

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

9:30 A.M. Passionate People
Class, Judy Church, Leader

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS:

CANNED FRUIT, SOUP, CANNED

MEAT, TUNA, CEREAL

FOR YOU THIS SUNDAY

When a person knows he has just one week to live, he concentrates on crucial things. During Jesus' last week, "The Week That Shook the World", He brings into focus the elements of life that have eternal aspects.

This Sunday we shall examine the events of Tuesday of our Lord's Last Week, about which you are urged to read in Mark 12: 13-34. Here you see Jesus the victim of subversive interrogation, as they tempt Him with

"CATCH QUESTIONS."

Last Sunday was a great day at First Christian! Many more families came to be inspired by the music and uplifted by the sermon.

This Sunday is just for you and your family. Jesus expects you in His church for study and worship.

SERVING MARCH 15

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Cecil Rice and
Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Eugene Klepfer and
Miriam Bixenman

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Pauley-SW, P. Yentes-NW, J. Franklin

10:45 A.M. M. Mullen-SW, V. Taylor-NW, J. Stucky-SE, B. Briggs-NE, M. Callahan, L. York, H. Stevenson, S. Knuckles

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, T. Briggs

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, G. Hosfield, J. Hudlow, S. Johnson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. J. Church - J. Bickel

M. Akers - R. Flickinger

J. Wiley - J. Franklin

B. Short - T. Harter

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Bob Pauley and Monty Tobias

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. Sue Skelton

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - B. Busse

NUR. III - N. Lucas

K-1 - D. & K. Rogers

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Cecil & Almeda Rice

10:45 A.M. Tom & Nancy Harter

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Don and Barbara Short

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

465 - Mr. Robert Rayl
(no visitors - cards only,
please!)

CONTINUED SUPPORT OF REFUGEE FUND NEEDED!

We are so pleased that our Refugee Family is doing well. It is a joy to have them in worship with us regularly. We hope you are getting acquainted with them. Currently they are paying their own rent and buying their own food. We as their sponsoring congregation continue to pay utilities and medical expenses. The Refugee Fund is getting low. Contributions are needed on a continual basis. Be sure to mark contributions "REFUGEE FUND". Thank you for any help in this area!

VISITORS IN WORSHIP

(first-time visitors last Sunday were:)

Mr. & Mrs. Brad McCricus

2756 Paulding Rd. 16

Chris Nichols, 4708 Liggett Dr.

Dale Nierman, 5614 W. Cook Rd.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Marvin and Bill Crouse
whose brother, Don, died on
February 25.

AN INVITATION!

The congregation is invited to share in the joyous celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Robert and Esther Clipp to be held in Fellowship Hall on March 21 from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M.

No gifts, please!

MARCH 22 IS BLANKET SUNDAY

The CWF is sponsoring a blanket drive for Church World Service during March. Blanket Sunday will be March 22. \$5.00 will purchase a new blanket or clean, used blankets may be given.

CAMPS AND CONFERENCES 1981 - "WE ARE THE CHURCH...TOGETHER"

This year's camps and conferences promise to be fun, exciting and a very worthwhile learning experience. Below are the camps listed with date, location and director. First Christian Church will pay HALF of each registration fee listed for members. Camps and Conferences in Levels I-II are for those going into grades mentioned.

LEVEL I (5th & 6th) - \$68 "To Experience the Family of God"

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DIRECTOR</u>
General	June 22-27	Barbee	Gary Nunnally
General	July 6-11	Indian Lake	Mark Richardson
Music (\$72)	July 6-11	Indian Lake	Greg Miller
General	July 13-18	Bedford	Charles Reid
General	July 20-25	Indian Lake	John Taylor
General	July 27 - Aug. 1	Barbee	Ron Schwartz

LEVEL II (7th & 8th) - \$68 "To Understand Who We Are As a Church"

General	June 29-July 4	Indian Lake	Will Jewsbury
Sports (\$72)	July 6-11	Barbee	Floyd Bridges
General	July 6-11	Bedford	Charles Reid
General	July 20-25	Barbee	Drexel Rankin

LEVEL III (9-12) - \$76 "To Explore How the Church Lives Its Life in the World"

Inter'l Affairs (\$150)	June 10-18	NY/Wash.	Clyde Flannery
Conference	June 28-July 4	Bedford	Charles Reid
Music, Art, Drama (\$80)	July 13-18	Indian Lake	"Blake" Blakesly
Conference	July 12-18	Barbee	Elyse Williamson
Conference	August 2-8	Barbee	Don McCord
Trail Camp (\$80)	August 9-15	Smokies	Larry Stump

LEVEL IV (Post High-Adults) "To Reassess My Place in the Church"

Family Conf. (var.)	May 22-25	Indian Lake	Darrell&Diane Crouter
Singles (\$40)	August 7-9	Indian Lake	
Trail Camp (\$80)	August 9-15	Smokies	Larry Stump
Family Camp	September 4-7	Barbee	Will & Marcia Jewsbury
Marriage Enrich. (\$40)	Oct. 30-Nov. 1	Indian Lake	Clyde Flannery
50+	Fall	Indian Lake	

For more information about registration and health forms contact Gary Nunnally.

SIGNIFICANT BOARD ACTIONS OF MARCH 3, 1981

22 members and 1 staff person were present for the meeting of the Board of Trustees. Committee reports highlighted the following items: The Evangelism Committee is sponsoring a concert by the "Newsmen", a gospel singing quartet from Markle, on Sunday evening, April 26 at 7:00 P.M. The Evangelism Committee has reorganized the "Greeters Before Worship" practice by providing persons to greet worshippers before each worship hour. The Outreach & Service Committee reported that our special offering to the Week of Compassion totalled \$1,129.95. The Property Committee brought a request from the Fellowship Bible Church for a small group of women to use a room in our building on Monday evenings for an exercise class. The custodian will be in the building on these Monday evenings. Permission was granted.

One recommendation from a committee was discussed and action taken. Gary Nunnally in accord with a provision of his contract to be able to borrow money for a home purchase, requested money for a mortgage assumption. \$11,000 was offered as a loan to be repaid at 9% interest. (Note: This action was also in accord with Memorial Fund policy to loan from a portion of that Fund for home purchase by pastors on the staff of First Christian Church.)

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER MARCH 15-21, 1981

Mike Akers (15)
Mark Akers (15)
Wayne Koehlinger (15)
Stephan Ludwig (15)
Carole Overmyer (15)
George Bruckman (16)
Rex L. Clifton (16)
Robert Ogles (16)
Max Finkhousen (17)
Mike Novachcoff (17)
Edna Shoe (18)
Melanie (Baugher) Springer (19)
Vincent Wells (19)
Pauline Auer (20)
Laura (Kreischer) Manes (20)
Ruby Mowery (20)
Bill Hallbrook (21)

YOUTH NEWS

CHI RHO

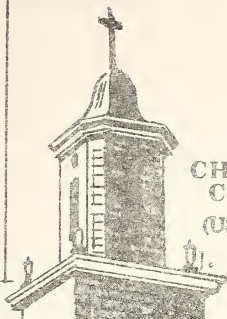
COMING UP---A Chi Rho "Lock-in" at the church March 27 beginning at 7:00 P.M. and continuing to March 28 for the Chi Rho PAPER DRIVE. CYF

CYF welcomes Steve and Debbie White as second CYF sponsoring couple. They will share duties with Chip and Becca Olson. The Whites reside at 3108 Adams, their telephone number is 456-6773. They have a baby son, Adam. Welcome! ALL YOUTH AND PARENTS!

A reminder--this Sunday at 6:00 P.M. in the Youth Lounge is our special meeting with Detective Stoner on Drugs and Drug Abuse. Plan to be present!

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE -- SATURDAY, MARCH 28!

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"THE CALL IS FOR YOU!"

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
10:00 A.M. Children's Old Testa-
ment Class
3:00 - 3:00 P.M. Clipp 50th Wed-
ding Anniversary Celebration

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
1:30 P.M. Bell Choir
3:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF

MONDAY, MARCH 23

10:00 A.M. Coffee for Pantry
Volunteers (see page 3)
1:00 P.M. Drumbeat of Love
Class
3:00 P.M. Clown Ministry Class
5:30 P.M. Christian Education
Committee

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

12:00 Noon D.M.A. Potluck &
Program

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

8:30 A.M. Passionate People
Class

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

8:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

With these words, who among us have not been called to the phone to receive a message, to be given a new opportunity, to make known a decision.

The call is for you, every one of you who are members or friends of First Christian Church, to avail yourselves of what God is offering you in Jesus Christ through the Church. He awaits your decision this Sunday! Come!

Deeds are more dedicated and deliberate when eclipsed by the realization that a person has only a few days to live. So Jesus' last week is indeed "The Week That Shook the World".

The meaningful anointing in Bethany may well have happened on Wednesday. Live with Mark 14:3-9 for a few days, and then hear the sermon next Sunday on

"THE TIMELY GIFT"

You are also called to the inspiration of great music and the fellowship of love.

The Chancel Choir, directed by Ann Hayes with Jerry Zimmerman at the organ, will sing! Soloist for the day will be Doug Rogers.

Children in the second service will again meet "MacBeth"! Come!

SERVING MARCH 22

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and
Robert Johnson

10:45 A.M. Ben Taylor and
Janet Weicker

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson-SW, M.
Busse-NW, P. Yentes, J. Franklin

10:45 A.M. K. Flickinger-SW, P.
Mullen-NW, M. Tobias-SE, T. Harter-
NE, B. Grimm, R. Flickinger, G.
Falbe, G. Davis

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
Tony & Tim Evans

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
J. Glasgow, S. White, T. York

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NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. J. or L. Jump

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The Bob Pauley family

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

465 - Mr. Robert Rayl
(no visitors, please)

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Mrs. Lee Baugher and family
in the death of her aunt, Mrs.
Lillian Hobgood in Kentucky last
week.

REMEMBER---The 50th Anniversery
Celebration for Robert and Esther
Clipp this Saturday, March 21,
from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. in Fellow-
ship Hall.

D.M.A. TO HOLD MONTHLY POTLUCK
AND PROGRAM

Tuesday, March 24 is the day
for the D.M.A. monthly Potluck
Lunch and Program. Lunch is
a shared Potluck and begins at
12:00 noon. Hostesses this
month are Esther Whitton and
Gladys Hoop. The Program is
"Share Your Hobbies". Persons
are encouraged to bring an ex-
ample/examples of their hobby
for display and sharing.

SOFTBALL???

The church is interested in
organizing a soft-ball team
for League play. Need not be
a member of FCC. Any interes-
ted male over 17 years of age
please contact Bruce Lehman or
the church office.

VISITORS IN WORSHIP

(The following were visitors
in worship on Sunday morning.
We rejoice in their presence
with us! If any live near
you--why not make a contact
and get acquainted?)

Sheila Carr, 4058 Wayne Trace
Ann Pittenger, 3858 Stafford
Helen Crampton, 2220 Hobson Rd.

OUTSIDE FORT WAYNE VISITORS

Jake DeWitt, Ashley, Indiana
Emily Saintignan, Union City,
Indiana

Ed Matthews, Glen Ellyn, ILL
Tom Foltz, New Concord, Ohio
Hersel & Letha Dumbauld,
Huntington, Indiana

PANTRY NEEDS: Powdered Milk,
Peanut Butter, Crackers,
Juice (canned), Stew

FIRST CHRISTIAN'S MINISTRY TO OTHERS THROUGH THE PANTRY AND FOOD BANK

In 1972, First Christian Church joined with the Allen County Welfare Department in providing Emergency Food for Welfare clients referred to us. Volunteers have served faithfully over the years coming to the church to provide this service on an on-call basis. The congregation has participated by provided food through direct contributions of food and money and through the church budget.

In 1980 First Christian Church became one of 12 FOOD BANK locations. The Food Bank idea originated with the Associated Churches and is a joint effort with the Wayne Township Trustees office. Each Food Bank location serves persons who live in that Bank's geographical location.

In the PANTRY PROGRAM, food is provided for persons for 3 days on an Emergency basis. In the FOOD BANK Program food is provided for 5 days on an Emergency basis. In both programs, persons receive food from us only once.

The question has been raised--how much are these two programs used? Let's look at the January-February, 1981 report:

Between January 1 and February 28, 1981 the PANTRY served a total of 14 persons (4 adults and 10 children) for a total of 126 meals. In that same time the FOOD BANK served 62 persons (23 adults and 39 children) for a total of 966 meals.

Another important aspect of the FOOD BANK Program is the "Sponsoring Congregations." These are congregations which do not have a Food Bank in their building but promise to provide food for our Bank several times during a year. Presently Calvary Presbyterian, Grace United Church of Christ, Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren, Holton Avenue Missionary Church, and the Unitarian Congregation are our "Sponsoring Congregations."

Even with sponsoring congregations we provide the largest share of the food for these programs. Please continue to support the PANTRY/FOOD BANK with your contributions of food and money.

THERE WILL BE A COFFEE AT THE CHURCH IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON MARCH 23 AT 10:00 A.M. FOR CURRENT PANTRY VOLUNTEERS, ANY PERSONS INTERESTED IN BECOMING VOLUNTEERS AND ANYONE ELSE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT HOW BOTH OF THESE PROGRAMS WORK.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER - MARCH 22-28, 1981

Julia (Crouse) Brita (22)	Margaret Love (24)	Kim (Johnson) Borton (28)
Christine Dailey (22)	John Glasgow (24)	James Buchanan (28)
Pearl Heidecker (22)	Rosemary Krull (25)	Wayne Rousseau (28)
Tom Banet (22)	Judi Hoagland (25)	Lelia McBride (28)
Steve Grimm (23)	Bob Briggs (26)	Linda Hendrickson (28)
Terry King (23)	Edwin Hall (27)	
Bob Pauley (23)	Margaret Beachley (27)	

CHI RHO

Last week, 47 youth and adults attended the joint meeting of Chi Rho, CYF and parents to listen to two detectives from the vice and narcotics squad of the Fort Wayne Police Department. The evening included a lecture, discussion, and showing of various types of drugs. The presentation was very interesting and we appreciate the attendance of parents who came.

CHI RHO will continue their discussion on DRUGS: THEIR AFFECTS AND OUR ATTITUDES TOWARDS THEM. Within the next weeks we will take a closer look at Depressants (Barbiturates), Stimulants (Amphetamines), Narcotics, Inhalants, and other hallucinogens.

COMING UP -- On March 27 there will be a CHI RHO LOCK-IN at the church. We will begin at 7:00 P.M. on that Friday night. All youth are encouraged to attend and bring a pillow, sleeping bag, change of clothing, tooth brush, paste, etc.

The purpose of the LOCK-IN will be to arrange a schedule of activities for the summer and the coming year. Be sure to bring lots of IDEAS.

ON MARCH 28, THE CHI RHO WILL HAVE A PAPER DRIVE! If anyone has paper to be picked up we will be picking up that day. PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU WANT PAPER PICKED UP! PAPERS MAY ALSO BE BROUGHT TO THE CHURCH BEFORE MARCH 28. They are best put in paper bags or tied in bundles. Thanks!

CYF

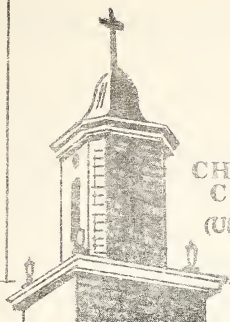
This year the 1981 REGIONAL CYF ASSEMBLY will be at Anderson College in Anderson, Indiana. The Assembly will begin Friday, April 24 at 7:00 P.M. and end Sunday, April 26 at 3:00 P.M. The theme this year is "LIFE IN THE SPIRIT." The total cost of the event is \$25. The church will pay ONE-HALF (\$12.50) for each member going. There will also be a gasoline cost of \$3.50 per person. The cost, then, per person for the event is \$16.00. This fee includes meals, housing, T-shirt, snacks, supplies, event cost (leadership, building), and transportation.

All CYF youth (9th - 12th grade) are encouraged to attend. This assembly promises to be a time of fun, fellowship, seeing old friends, making new ones, and study. REGISTRATION NAMES, AND THE \$16.00 IS DUE NO LATER THAN MARCH 29! See Gary Nunnally to register!

"FOOD FOR THOUGHT"

"I can complain because...
rose bushes have thorns,
or...
I can rejoice because...
thorn bushes have roses!"

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"ENTRUSTING CONFIDENCE"

CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

8:00 P.M. Chi Rho Lock-in begins

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

6:30 P.M. Bell Choir

8:00 - 9:00 P.M. (The Fellowship Bible Church will be using our Kitchen & Fellowship Hall during this time)

9:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF

MONDAY, MARCH 30

8:00 A.M. Morning Study Group

8:00 P.M. Drumbeat of Love

Class

8:30 P.M. Area I Board Meeting -

FCC, Auburn

8:00 P.M. Clown Ministry Class

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

8:30 P.M. Lay Personnel Committee

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

8:30 A.M. Passionate People Class

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

8:30 A.M. Naomi Group, Roxy

Wunderlich, 1725 St. Mary's

8:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

will be the subject of the pastor's message this Sunday morning in both services of worship. All families are urged to read Matthew 26:36-46, and then be present at the worship event of their choice and then own class of study.

In our personal preparation for the celebration of the final events in "The Week That Shook the World" -- Triumphs Entry, Crucifixion, Resurrection -- it is encouraging to spend time with Jesus in the Garden of Gethesemane, and sense His unrelenting confidence in His disciples. Though there may be a past to regret, there is a future to redeem. This church must make ready to go forward again, and this means every family participating! See you in church this Sunday!

Diane Mory will be soloist for both worship hours, with the Chancel Choir singing another of their grand anthems at the 10:45 A.M. Worship Hours.

Mrs. Lillian Arnold will be a guest organist in both services this Sunday.

SERVING MARCH 29

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and
George Bruckman

10:45 A.M. Barbara Short and
Glenn Miller

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M. Snyder - S. Knuckles
D. Widler - N. Lucas
S. Hayes - W. Bowen

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Nena Lucas & Betty Briggs

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Ralph & Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Don & Barbara Short

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. Tony York

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - B. Busse

NUR. III - N. Lucas

K-1 - D. & K. Rogers

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Bill and Nancy Wyant

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

465 - Mr. Robert Rayl

PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED SOUP, CANNED
MEAT, POWDERED MILK, NOODLES

THOMPSONS TO LEAD BIBLE LANDS TOUR!

A nine-day tour of the Holy Land, leaving New York on November 4, will be led by Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Thompson. They invite those who are interested to ask them personally for further information, or leave their name at the Church office. A detailed brochure is available.

Of the nine days, five are spent in Israel, with visits to Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Massada, the Dead Sea, Jordan River, Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, and the Coastal Area. Altogether some seventy biblical places are visited, with lectures on each by a trained, English-speaking guide. The tour also includes the rock city of Petra, with the option of a tour of Cairo, the pyramids, Memphis and Sakkara. This is a first-class, economical tour developed by Traveling Tours International of Rosemont, Illinois, at an unbelievable cost. The Thompsons assist in all arrangements, and invite people of this church to come with them. A small deposit brings an Early Bird discount!

SATURN CHRISTIAN INVITES US

To share with them in concert to be given by David Small in their sanctuary on March 28 at 7:30 P.M. Many of you will remember David's magnificent voice in a solo here. David is a member of the Saturn church and a music major at Depauw.

A PARABLE OF UNITY

(Ed. note: We read this piece in our sister congregation's North Star last week and felt it was so meaningful we'd like to share it. It came to them from a student at Lexington Theological Seminary.)

During Vacation Bible School last week my wife had an experience with her primary class that she says she will never forget. Her class was interrupted on Wednesday about an hour before dismissal when a new student was brought in.

The little boy had one arm missing, and since the class was almost over, she had no opportunity to learn any details about the cause or his state of adjustment. She was very nervous and afraid that one of the other children would comment on his handicap and embarrass him. There was no opportunity to caution them, so she proceeded as carefully as possible.

As the class time came to a close she began to relax. She asked the class to join her in their usual closing ceremony. "Let's make our churches," she said, "Here's the church and here's the steeple, open it up and here's. . . ." The awful truth of her own actions struck her. The very thing she had feared that the children would do, she had done.

As she stood speechless, the little girl sitting next to the boy reached over with her left hand and placed it up to his right hand and said, "Davey, let's make the church together."

This story may be seen to be a parable of our search for oneness in Jesus Christ: to put our inadequate, handicapped lives along side the lives of others and to pray "Let's make the church together." Jesus prayed that all who would follow him might be one so that the world might believe that God had sent him. . . and behold his glory and know his love (John 17:20ff). May his prayer be ours. Let us claim that vision, rekindle that hope. Let's be about making the church together.

-- copied from Minister's Bulletin
February-March, 1981

CHI RHO

This weekend, Friday night, March 27 at 7:00 P.M. we will begin our "LOCK-IN." The purpose of this lockin will be to discuss and decide upon programs, activities, and study subjects for this summer, and the fall. ALL YOUTH (6th-8th grades) are encouraged to attend. We will also have a variety of games and snacks. The items you will need to bring are: sleeping bag, pillow, blanket, change of clothing, and toiletry items.

ON SATURDAY, MARCH 28 CHI RHO YOUTH WILL HAVE A PAPER DRIVE. We have been acquiring paper for the last couple of months and now we are ready to take it to Thermtron Products, Inc. We thank all of you who have brought papers to the church for our sale! If you have additional papers, they may be brought to the church before Saturday, the 28. PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU NEED YOUR PAPERS PICKED UP! Paper is best tied in bundles or placed in brown grocery sacks.

CYF

This Sunday, March 29, the CYF youth will be deciding when to have their "LOCK-IN." ALL YOUTH NEED TO BE PRESENT FOR THIS MEETING so that we can decide time, place, and date! The purpose of the Lock-in will be to discuss programs, activities, and study subjects for the summer and early fall.

REGISTRATION, NAMES, AND THE \$16.00 fee for the 1981 CYF REGIONAL ASSEMBLY AT ANDERSON COLLEGE IS DUE NO LATER THAN MARCH 29. See Gary Nunnally to register.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

MARCH 29 - APRIL 4, 1981

Maude Donohue (29)
Sylvia Smith (29)
Nancy Wyant (30)
Pam Akers (30)
Connie Wells (30)
Bill Urich (31)
Gladys Harshbarger (1)
Rose Jenkins (1)
Tom Knuckles (1)
Marshall Smith (2)
Sylvia Engle (3)
Anna Chasar (3)
Stella Houk (4)

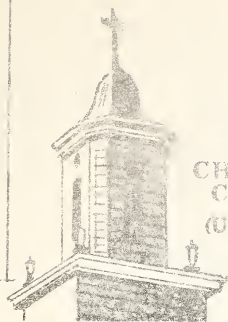
VISITORS IN WORSHIP

MARCH 22, 1981

(The following persons were first-time visitors in our worship hours this past Sunday. Do they live near you? Get acquainted and invite them back to worship with us!)

Lyle & Colleen Hansen,
336 E. Essex Lane
Dawn Bradford, 3320 Alexander
Mildred Plueger, 714 E.
Rudisill
Dana Woods, Rt. 1, Roanoke

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Men's Breakfast

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:30 P.M. Bell Choir

11:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF

12:00 P.M. DSF at Saturn Christian

Church, Whitley County

MONDAY, APRIL 6

8:00 P.M. Drumbeat of Love

Class

9:00 P.M. Clown Ministry Class

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

8:00 A.M. Ruth Group, Fern Ken-

line, 2614 Abbey Dr., Apt. 1

10:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

8:30 A.M. Passionate People

Class

10:30 P.M. Martha Group at the

Church, Barbara Short, host-

ess

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

8:15 A.M. Rachel Group, at

the church in the library

10:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, APRIL 11 (Plan ahead!)

8:15 A.M. CWF Business Meeting

12:00 Noon Sacrificial Luncheon

and Program

BEYOND THE CROSS

lies all in life of greatest significance and meaning. At the Cross is to be seen the heart of God, the homage of His Son Jesus, and the hope for all people, in any time or place. It is ours, as persons and families of First Christian Church, to recapture the vision and the spirit of the greater life that lies beyond the cross of self-giving. This we must do, all of us, as we experience spiritually the renewal of life that is to be seen in nature at this time of the year!

After having lived with Matt-hew 27:32-42 this week, join your fellow Christians in worship next Sunday to sing the hymns of the Cross and be inspired by

"THE UPLIFTED CROSS"

the sermon by Dr. Maurice Thompson. At the Lectern will be Rev. Gary Nunnally, Associate Pastor.

Hear the marvelous music by our musicians, and be proud to share your church with others! After all, you have only that which you give away!

SERVING APRIL 5

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Sam Hayes and
Charles Ludwig
10:45 A.M. Ben Taylor and
William Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson-NW, T.
Sauerwein, B. Pauley
10:45 A.M. P. Mullen-SW, B.
Briggs-NW, H. Stevenson-SE, K.
Rogers-NE, G. Davis, K. Flickin-
ger, M. Tobias, M. Callahan

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
D. Pomeroy
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
G. Bozarth, B. Wyant,

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Nena Lucas & Betty Briggs

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Bill & Nancy Wyant

NURSERY WORKER

10:45 A.M. M. Callahan

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - S. Skelton

K-1 - N. Sterling

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

492 - Mr. Robert Rayl

PHONE NUMBERS FOR INTERIM SENIOR

PASTOR

Dr. Maurice Thompson may be called
at 747-2628 or in Huntington at
356-4241.

INTERESTED IN HOLY LAND TOUR???

Then ask the Thompsons or the
Church Office for a brochure. It's
a first-class, economical experi-
ence of 9 days which becomes un-
forgettable!

SKED-VU CONFERENCE!

is called for Tuesday, April
14, at 7:30 P.M. for heads of
all Boards, Departments, Fel-
lowships and Classes. If this
concerns you, please save the
date and await the letter giv-
ing details.

DSF AT SATURN

The Disciple Singles Fellow-
ship will meet this Sunday,
April 5 at Saturn Christian
Church beginning at 7:00 P.M.

MARCH AVERAGES

Church Worship	224
Church School	115
Through-the-Week educa.	34
Youth Fellowships	23
Budget Giving	\$2,604.56

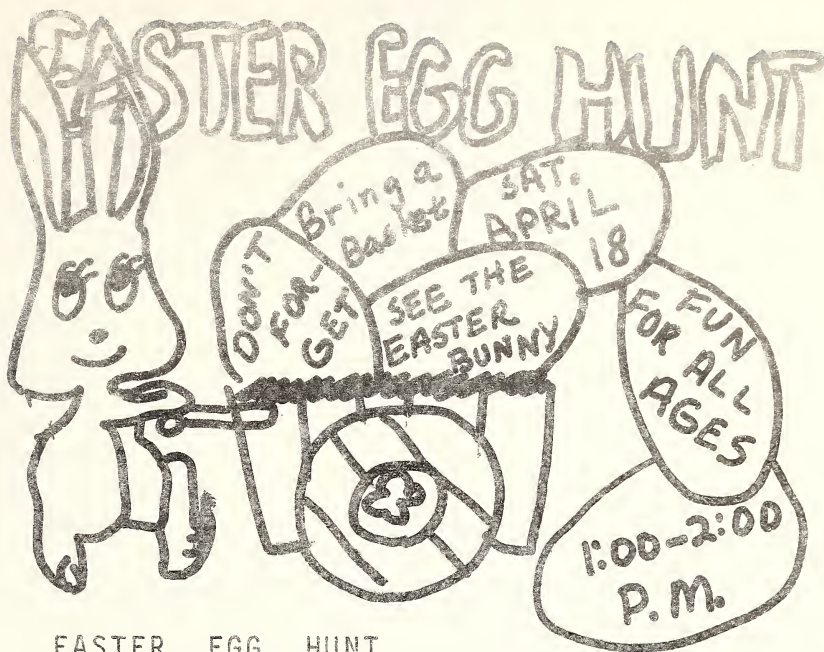
LIBRARY NEWS

A copy of The Autobiography of
God by Lloyd John Ogilvie has
been presented to the Library by
the Come Double Class in memory
of Charles Eckert.

Other new additions are: Con-
versational Bible Studies: New
Testament by James Schacher and
the collection, Daily Guideposts
1980.

Parents of elementary school
children will find an interest-
ing set of new stories in the
new Value Tales. This series of
books tells of events in the
lives of many famous people.

(ED. NOTE: We appreciate the
work of our Church Librarian,
Diane Mory, in cataloging books
and caring for our Church Lib-
rary. Have you visited it late-
ly?)



EASTER EGG HUNT

HEY KIDS! Come meet the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 18th on the church lawn. ALL CHILDREN from Nursery I to 5th Grade are invited to attend! (We will go inside if the weather is bad). The event will be from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M. This will be lots of fun for your child so come to bring your children! (we plan a separate section for the little ones). Because of the brevity of the program all parents are encouraged to stay and be a part of the excitement. The Easter Bunny will be handing out surprises to every one so be sure to bring your Easter Basket!

NOTE TO MOMS! The Easter Bunny would appreciate donations of your old L'egg Pantyhose containers for "goodie-containers." These may be left in the church office. Thanks!

ASDA on TELEVISION

The compelling story of Masada will be shown on WPTA, Channel 21, for four nights of April 5-8, 9 to 10 P.M. The film was shot in Israel at the high rock butte near the Dead Sea. Herod made this a fortress in 36 B.C., where 960 (cont'd in next column)

Jewish men, women and children made a last stand for freedom against the Roman Empire. Not only has it historical value, but it lifts lessons for this and future days. It is long, but good.

Your reactions will be welcome!

YOUTH NEWS

CHI RHO

Last weekend was our Lock-in and Paper Drive. Our Lock-in was a lot of fun and we set up a calendar for the next nine months. We will be finishing this calendar at our meeting this Sunday evening. ALSO--this Sunday we must have the money for the play tickets! We are planning to attend the play Dial M for Murder at the Civic on Sunday afternoon, April 12 at 2:00 P.M. Cost of tickets is \$2.00 which you must bring this Sunday!

CYF

Join us this Sunday as we again discuss "Situation Ethics" and how we would deal with them. ALL YOUTH need to be in attendance this week so that we can decide whether or not we want to have a Lock-in or a Retreat, and set a time, place and date for it. We could make no decision last week because we only had four in attendance.

THANKS FROM CHI RHO!

The Paper Drive was a big success and the youth made \$69.00! We would like to express our thanks to Mr. Ennis Brown and Mr. Mike Callahan for their time and the use of their truck and van. We also want to thank all the people who donated their papers to the Youth Paper Drive. Without the support of the congregation, our Paper Drive would not have been successful!

VISITORS IN WORSHIP

Mr. & Mrs. Rick Burns (no address)
Mr. & Mrs. Don Horn (Leesa Jump's
parents) Winchester, Indiana

INTERESTING EVENTS FOR YOU.

Information for which is available at the Church Office.

Area I CWF Institute at West Creighton Christian Church, April 23.

Regional CYF Assembly at Anderson College, April 24-26.

Bedford Men's Retreat, May 1 - 2.

Stewardship Mission Conference, at Huntington, May 3

Area I Assembly of the Christian Church at West Creighton, May 3 (3:30 to 8:00 P.M.)

Regional CWF Retreat at Franklin College, June 27-28.

Music Camp at Indian Lake, July 6-11.

Indiana CMF Sessions '81 at Anderson College, July 10-12.

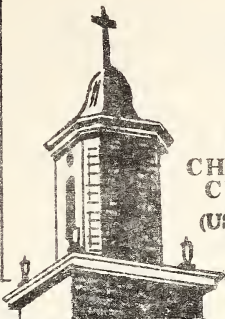
Eureka Lay School of Theology July 19-24

Group Flights to 1981 General Assembly in Anaheim, leaving July 29 or 30 and returning August 6 or 7. Special rates!

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER APRIL 5-11, 1981

Sharon Pauley (5)
Anne Shirley (5)
Reba Fusselman (6)
Scott Keebortz (6)
Teresa Meadows (6)
Genevieve Ripple (6)
Ann Sands (9)
Ethel Flowers (10)
Betty Grimm (10)
Charles Ludwig (10)

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PALM SUNDAY OPENS A GREAT WEEK AT FIRST CHRISTIAN!

Our Lord's Last Week is truly "THE WEEK THAT SHOOK THE WORLD!" No series of events has so changed the course of history, and touched human hearts and lives as these days now called Holy Week.

"PALM SUNDAY" was a time of decision for Jesus, as it is for those accepting Him as their Lord and Savior or fellowship in His Church here. As both the 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. Worship, Dr. Thompson will speak on "The King Who Comes" (Luke 19:28-38). The Chancel Choir will sing "The Holy City" with Rebecca Stucky as soprano soloist at the 10:45 A.M. Worship Hour. Jerry Zimmerman will be back at the organ in both worship hours.

"MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION" will be Thursday night of next week, April 16, at 7:30 P.M. The softly lighted sanctuary will be suggestive of the Upper Room where Jesus first gave His followers the sacred communion of remembrance. The Chancel Choir will sing "God So Loved the World" by Williams and "Before the Cross of Jesus" by Blanchard. Melford Busse will be soloist. All members, their families and friends will wish to attend, entering and departing without social conversation.

"COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY" Worship Services will begin at 1:00 P.M. at Christ United Methodist Church, 1101 E. McKinnie. The service, at which our Handbell Choir will play, will be Scriptures with symbols of the Passion.

"EASTER SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP" will be a highly inspirational event of worship, with great vocal and instrumental music, and the pastor's message on "The Renewal of Faith."

THE LIVING LORD WILL BE LOOKING FOR YOU IN HIS CHURCH NEXT WEEK!

SERVING PALM SUNDAY

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and
William Franklin

10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and
Dean Widler

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Hendricks-SW, J.
Franklin-NW, M. Hutchinson, M.
Busse

10:45 A.M. N. Lucas-SW, L. York-
NW, S. Knuckles-SE, J. Bickel-NE,
G. Falbe, J. Jump, S. Grimm, R.
Flickinger

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Ennis & Gini Brown

10:45 A.M. Ronald & Karen
Flickinger

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith
E. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
B. Kerley

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. G. Bruckman-J. Stucky

J. Weicker - V. Taylor

G. Miller - M. Tobias

B. Taylor - J. Briggs

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Jack Bickel & Mike Mullen

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. B. Glasgow

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II & III - S. Skelton

K-1 - M. Crouse

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Becki & Gary Nunnally

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 492 - Mr. Robert Rayl

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He came singing love

He lived singing love

He died singing love

He rose in silence. . . (Copied)

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

MRS. JENNY WILHOIT, 1009
Cottage Ave. 46807, 456-7198,
came in a transfer of member-
ship from the Christ Church at
Georgetown. We rejoice in this
act of commitment and welcome
her into our community of faith.
Others are encouraged to think
and pray about decisions which
need to be made for Christ and
His Church.

LILIES FOR EASTER SUNDAY?

Anyone wishing to purchase
Lily plants in memory of someone
or to honor someone and donate
them or loan them for the Church's
use on Easter Sunday morning
are urged to do so. Please
call the church office to in-
form us of your intentions.

WE HAVE A CHILD CARE NEED

We are needing a person who
would be interested in doing
Child Care for the church for
classes/groups during the week
on a short-term basis. Per-
haps you have a friend you
could personally recommend?
Call the church office for fur-
ther information. This is an
employed position and would
not involve Sundays.

PETER AND PAUL ON TV

The drama, Peter and Paul,
based on the Book of Acts will
be shown on WPTA (Channel 21)
this Sunday, April 12, 8:00 to
10:00 P.M. and on Thursday from
9:00 to 11:00 P.M. This is the
story of Peter as a dedicated
disciple and Paul as an ardent
missionary. Families are urged
to view it.

"THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS"

The Sacrificial Luncheon and Program sponsored by the Christian Women's Fellowship will be this Saturday, April 11, beginning at 12:00 Noon. There will be a short CWF business meeting proceeding the Luncheon at 11:30 A.M. in the Chapel.

Anyone is welcome and encouraged to make this opportunity a personal one to prepare mind, heart, and spirit for the Holy Week.

The silent Sacrificial Luncheon will give opportunity to explore inner feelings and prepare personally for the celebration of Christ's sacrifice.

The Program will be led by Barbara Short and will include a communion time of commitment and meditation.

The Naomi Group are luncheon hostesses.





MOMS AND DADS! Bring your child (Nursery I - 5th Grade) to meet me and go on an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 18 from 1:00 - 2:00 P.M. There will be a special section for the smaller children. Please plan to stay during the Hunt and watch the fun!

P.S. Thanks, MOMS (and GRANDMOMS) for the L'egg containers. I could use more, please leave in church office!

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

- 11:30 A.M. CWF Business Meeting
in the Chapel
12:00 Noon CWF sponsored Sacrifi-
cial Luncheon (Luncheon in
Fellowship Hall, Program in
Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

- 8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
1:30 P.M. Chi Rho leave for
Civic Theater
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. CYF

MONDAY, APRIL 13

- 10:00 A.M. Study Group
1:00 P.M. Drumbeat of Love Class
1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild, Edna
Vaught, 4035 Fairfield
7:30 P.M. Evangelism Committee

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

- 11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group, Hobby
Ranch House
7:30 P.M. Deborah Group, Peg
Buskirk, 4430 Wilmette

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

- 9:30 A.M. Passionate People
Class

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

- 7:30 P.M. Maundy Thursday
Communion (Chancel Choir
Rehearsal following)

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

- 1:00 P.M. Good Friday Services,
Christ United Methodist Church

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

- 7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
11:00 A.M. Chi Rho to help
Easter Bunny
1:00 P.M. Easter Egg Hunt

PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED MEAT,
PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED FRUIT &
VEGETABLES

SKED-VUE TO BE HELD APRIL 21...WATCH THE MAIL

YOU...TH NEWS

CHI RHO

This week Chi Rho will at-
tend Civic Theater to watch
the murder mystery, "Dial M
for Murder." Youth need to
be at the church by 1:30 P.M.
The cost for this event is
\$2.00 per person. Due to
this activity there will be
NO CHI RHO MEETING ON SUN-
DAY EVENING.

FIRST CHRISTIAN TO BEGIN SOFTBALL TEAM

Those interested in playing
softball for the church either
contact Bruce Lehman at 432-
3825 or Gary Nunnally at the
Church Office. The season is
fast approaching so please
sign up.

WE ARE INVITED

To Grace United Church of
Christ, 4120 S. Webster on
Good Friday evening for their
presentation of the Easter
Cantata, "The Seven Last Words
of Christ."

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY

PRAYER - APRIL 12-18, 1981
Rebecca Glasgow (12)
Jim Heavin (13)
"Bud" O'Laughlin (13)
Phyllis Tobias (13)
John Merrill, Jr. (13)
Fern Strole (14)
Golden Rose (14)
Ruth Vost (15)
Diane Freimuth (16)
Richard Jackson (16)
Lillian Busse (17)
Nick Keirn (17)
Edward Wooldridge (17)

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EASTER CELEBRATES



CROWN
HIM!

HE IS RISEN!! HE IS ALIVE!!!
AND WE CAN BE ALIVE TOO!!!

TWO GREAT EASTER MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES, 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. with the sermon by Dr. Thompson on "The Renewal of Faith" (Matthew 28:1-8) and Rev. Nunnally as liturgist. Ours is a day of clashing purposes and confused values, which often brings a deterioration of Christian faith. An understanding of the resurrection of Jesus enables us to experience a renewal of faith rather than its destruction.

Inspirational music will be given by the Chancel Choir in the 10:45 A.M. Worship Hour, directed by Ann Hayes and accompanied by Jerry Zimmerman and other noted musicians. "Joy in the Morning" by Seeth and the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah" will be sung. Rebecca Stucky, one of our own stimulating soloists, will sing "Easter Song" in the early worship, accompanied by Jerry and Eric Zimmerman, and "Rise Again" by Holm in the later worship hour.

EASTER OFFERING will be received in special envelopes in the pew or in the giving sets at both worship hours from all who wish to "Share the News" through the outreach witness of the Christian Church. This trains church leaders and teachers, helps the mentally retarded, provides seminary training, ministers to teenagers. Your liberal gift will help much.

THE EASTER LESSON will be taught by interesting, prepared teachers in our Church School classes for all ages. A welcome awaits you!

EASTER LILLIES may be shared with the church on this joyous day. Please notify the office of your intention, especially if they are a memorial. What a wonderful way to honor a loved one or friend.

EASTER COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR! COME, LET US CELEBRATE TOGETHER!

SERVING APRIL 19

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Rolland Ripple and
Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Joe Wiley and
Mark Akers

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Brown-SW, T. Sauer-
wein-NW, C. Olson

10:45 A.M. M. Mullen-SW, K. Craw-
ford-NW, V. Taylor-SE, L. Fink-
housen-NE, G. Davis, H. Stevenson,
T. Harter, M. Tobias

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
Tim Briggs

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G. Hosfield, J. Hudlow, S. Johnson

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10:45 A.M. C. Akers

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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Marge Lehman & Sherri Melchi

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH - 545 - Mrs. Ressie
Eshresman (Reba Fusselman's
sister)

LUTHERAN: - 777 Mr. John Myers

PARKVIEW: - 551 Mrs. Ruth Eiler

VISITORS IN WORSHIP

VISITORS on 4/5 included:

Mr. & Mrs. Lyle Hanson 336 Essex Lane

Mr. & Mrs. John Phenicie 447 W. Lenox

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Beard 7835 Gathings

Mrs. Betti Haines 4005 Wenonah

Mr. Gary Helmke 5103 S. Harrison

VISITORS on 4/12 included:

Mr. & Mrs. Leon Amstutz 4919 S. Webster

Mrs. Judi Valleskey 4214 S. Clinton

Mr. & Mrs. Dan Edwards, Van Wert, Ohio

RECOMMITMENT TO CHRIST

Miss Shannon Jones made a recommitment of her life to Christ in the morning worship hour on Palm Sunday morning. She rejoices in this expression of faith and commitment on the part of one of our youth. We encourage others to be making decisions regarding first-time commitment of life to Christ at baptism into life with Him, or transfer of membership from another congregation to this community of faith or, as Shannon expressed, an expression of recommitment to life as we anticipate the celebration of our Lord's resurrection this coming Sunday.

WOULD YOU SHARE A BONUS BOOK FOR THE PANTRY/FOOD BANK?

We appreciate the gifts of food and money we receive for the Pantry/Food Bank Program! Someone has suggested that we could also give Bonus Books or Saver books (Maloley's). One book from each family would mean great savings on some food items. The Outreach Committee has set Sunday, April 26 as our first Sunday to give these books. Be saving them!

PANTRY NEEDS THIS WEEK:

POWDERED MILK, SOUP,

CANNED MEAT, CRACKERS

Bob & Chip Johann, Eureka, IA



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The Easter Bunny

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

APRIL 19 - 25

Iva Imbody (19)
David Moody (19)
Cindy Ventes (19)
Cecile Chevalier (20)
Arlene Downs (20)
Robby Pauley (20)
Myrna Steigerwald (20)
Julia Hendricks (21)
Gail Roe (21)
Karen Zimmerman (21)
Opal Carper (21)
Laura Marks (22)
Sherri Melchi (22)
Dean Howard (22)
Joe Snouffer (23)
Becca Olson (23)
Vernabelle McCandless (23)
Geneva Ferguson (25)

THE NEWSMAN, a Gospel quartet, will be performing in our sanctuary on April 26, 1981 at 7:00 P.M. Bob Lund, Ron Lund, Jerry Schwartz, Dennis Overholt, Budd Todd (Steel Guitar) are from Markle, Indiana. They conduct a very popular Gospel Singing ministry. Preceeding their concert, there will be a Sandwich and Salad Potluck Supper in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 P.M. Drinks will be provided. Please bring your own table service. A freewill offering will be taken during the concert.

The Evangelism Committee

CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

1:00 P.M. Good Friday Worship,
Christ United Methodist Church

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
Group

11:00 A.M. Chi Rho to work on
Easter Egg Hunt

1:00 P.M. Easter Egg Hunt

SUNDAY, APRIL 19 - EASTER!

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Worship Hours

9:30 A.M. Church School

MONDAY, APRIL 20

1:00 P.M. Drumbeat of Love Class

7:30 P.M. Lay Personnel Committee

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

7:30 P.M. SKED-VUE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

9:30 A.M. Passionate People Class

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

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YOUTH NEWS

THERE WILL BE NO CHI RHO OR
CYF MEETING THIS SUNDAY EVENING!

CHI RHO

ALL CHI RHO YOUTH are going to be helping with the Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday. Youth need to be at the church at 11:00 A.M. and bring a sack lunch. We will also be staying for the Egg Hunt to assist the children in finding their eggs!

CYF

CYF YOUTH have set a tentative date of June 12-14 for their RETREAT. The Retreat will focus on program for the rest of the year plus a time of fun. More information later--watch TIDINGS!

MAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

The May Fellowship Luncheon, sponsored by Church Women United will be on Friday, May 1, at 12:00 Noon at Waynedale United Methodist Church. An interesting program has been planned. Cost of the luncheon is \$3.00, and reservations must be in to Miriam Bixenman by April 21, along with the \$3.00 Child care is available upon request. Fellowship of the Least Coin Monies will be dedicated at this time, so this money should be turned in to Val Taylor, CWF Treasurer, by April 25.

AREA I CWF WORKSHOP

The annual CWF Spring Workshop for training leaders will be held at West Creighton Christian Church on Thursday, April 23 from 9:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. Cost of the luncheon is \$2.50 and reservations need to be to Miriam Bixenman by April 20. Blessing Box mondy will be dedicated at this meeting so this money should be turned in to Val Taylor by all CWF Groups by April 20. This workshop is for all CWF officers, chairwomen, group leaders and officers and those who will be leading any study during the coming year. A number of our women are taking leadership in this workshop. They are: Avis Thompson, Connie Wells, Judy Church, Miriam Bixenman, Genevieve Ripple, Laura York, and Rosemary Krull.

DATES TO REMEMBER!

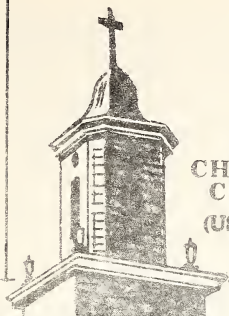
April 18 - Easter Egg Hunt - Chi Rho

April 19 - Easter Sunday - no youth groups

April 24-26 - CYF regional assembly - Anderson

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"THE NEWSMEN" HERE SUNDAY EVENING!

"The Newsmen" a highly recommended gospel quartet will be with us this Sunday evening for a concert of gospel music. This event, sponsored by the Evangelism Committee, will begin at 7:00 P.M. in the Worship Nave. Preceding the concert, there will be a "Salad and Sandwich" Potluck Dinner in Fellowship Hall. This meal will begin at 6:00 P.M. Families are reminded to bring, in addition to their food to share, table service for their family. The drink will be provided.

Members of the quartet are: Bob Lund, Ron Lund, Jerry Schwartz, Dennis Overholt, and Budd Todd on the steel guitar.

Invite your friends and neighbors to share this evening of food, fellowship, and music with you!

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AREA I SPRING ASSEMBLY ON MAY 3

The congregations of the Christian Churches in Area I will have a Spring Assembly on May 3 at the West Creighton Avenue Christian Church. Registration begins at 3:30 P.M. The Assembly will conclude at 8:00 P.M. following the closing worship service.

During the afternoon and evening we will have opportunity to see and hear a presentation from some residents of the Emily Flinn Home in Marion, hear excellent music from an ecumenical group, and worship together with Rev. Joe Watkins, Campus Minister at IU-PU, Fort Wayne bringing the message. There will be special sessions in the afternoon for elementary children and youth. Child Care for pre-schoolers will be available during the afternoon and evening sessions. Our Clown Ministry group will be part of the dinner program. Cost: \$2.50 for adults and \$2.00 for children and youth for dinner.

SUNDAY'S SERMON: "What Makes Jesus Special?" - Scripture Text:

I Corinthians 15:1-11. Music by our Chancel

Choir at 10:45 and a soloist at 8:15

SERVING APRIL 26

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman, and
Judy Church

10:45 A.M. William Crouse and
Glenn Miller

DIACONATE AND UREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Pauley-SW, P.
Yentes-NW, J. Young

10:45 A.M. J. Bickel-SW, P. Mul-
len-NW, K. Flickinger-SE, J.

Stucky-NE, K. Rogers, J. Briggs,

B. Grimm, M. Callahan

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
T. & T. Evans

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
J. Glasgow, S. White, T. York

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. G. Rice - M. Callahan

R. Church - G. Falbe

Wm. Johnson - K. Flickinger

R. Johnson - C. Olson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Laura York

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II & III - S. Skelton

K-1 - M. Crouse

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Monty & Phyllis Tobias

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW: 551 - Mrs. Ruth Eiler

THANKS FOR KITCHEN CLEAN-UP!

Our thanks to a marvelous crew
of women headed by Peg Buskirk,
who scoured and scrubbed the kitchen
last week. It does shine!

AND A NOTE TO ALL OF US! We can
keep our Church Kitchen in spot-
less condition if we all take
responsibility to clean it up
after using it! Some unclaim-
ed dishes are in Fellowship Hall--
Any of them yours?

RECOMMITMENTS EXPRESSED IN WORSHIP ON SUNDAY!

The following persons came
forward in the 10:45 A.M.
Worship Hour Sunday in a re-
commitment of life to Christ:

MRS. REBECCA STUCKY

MRS. MARGE LEHMAN

MRS. LEE BAUGHER

MRS. MELANIE SPRINGER

MIKE & MARY NOVACHCOFF

We rejoice in this act of
renewal and commitment on the
part of these persons!

VISITORS IN WORSHIP SUNDAY

FIRST-TIME LOCAL VISITORS:

Dawn Tarlton, 4912 Bade Dr.

*Mr. & Mrs. John Kelly, 818 E.
Rudisill*

*Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Smith, 7624
Woodbine Ave.*

*Alphonse & Deborah Scheurer,
15525 Comer Rd.*

*Brad & Janean Winans, 427 W.
Branning*

*Esther Hanson, 7727 Hessen
Cassel Rd.*

*George Hanson, 7729 Hessen
Cassel Rd.*

*Miss Carla Swanson, 9712
Moeller Rd.*

OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS WITH US

THIS SUNDAY:

*Hazel Millis, A.C., Audrey, J.P.,
& Emily Mullen, the Dick Cole
family, Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Rud-
flois, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Foltz &
family, Helen Kinsey, Mr. & Mrs.
Joe Eldridge, Mr. & Mrs. Law-
rence Cordier, Mr. & Mrs. Merl
Cordier, the Silvani family,
Mrs. Arlene Skinner. It was
good to have Mr. & Mrs. Richard
Corey (the former Cindy Yentes)
and Bob & Carolyn (Hendricks)
King from out-of-town with us
this Sunday, too!*

CURRICULUM CIRCUS

On Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2, there will be a Curriculum Circus sponsored by the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County. The Circus will provide an excellent opportunity to examine a wide variety of Church Curriculum Materials and Numerous Supplementary Resources.

This event is for ALL CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS (pre-school - adult) and persons involved in youth and adult programming. On Friday, from 12:00-4:00 P.M. will be time to browse and look at all the materials displayed. You can come and go as you please and there will be NO CHARGE.

On Saturday, there will be four Age-Level Workshops (Pre-school, Elementary, Youth, and Adult). These workshops will focus on CHURCH SCHOOL CURRICULUM. The two-day event will be held at First Baptist Church, 2323 Fairfield. Registration fee for Saturday is \$3.00. Please contact the church office or Rev. Gary Nunnally for registration details. The deadline is April 28, 1981.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

To all who made the special Holy Week Services and activities special! To Elders and Deacons and Choir for Thursday night, to Handbell Choir and Lay Leaders for Good Friday, to Chi Rho and Easter Bunny for great Easter Egg Hunt, to Choir, Ann, Jerry, and Becky for super Special Music on Easter Sunday - that "Choir" includes our Handbells and our Children! Thanks to everyone for participating! What a great week!

D.M.A. POTLUCK AND PROGRAM

PLANNED FOR

TUESDAY, APRIL 28!

The D.M.A. (that stands for "Don't Mention Age" will have its monthly potluck luncheon and program on Tuesday, April 28 at 12:00 noon. As always, drinks and rolls will be provided. The Steering Committee will serve as hosts for this month's event.

The Steering Committee will be meeting at 11:00 A.M. that day prior to the luncheon. The Program will feature a walking tour of our own church building and a look at the history of its construction as well as a look at the symbolism in the sanctuary.

All persons retired, widowed, or widowers are invited to share in this time of good food and fellowship.

THIS SUNDAY -- THE TIME TO BRING
BONUS BOOKS AND SUPER-SAVER
BOOKS FOR PANTRY/FOOD BANK!

As we announced last week, we are starting a new opportunity to share in the work of the Pantry Food Bank at First Christian! Many of you share food and money now and this is appreciated so very much! Another way to share in the ongoing work of this project is to give Bonus Books and/or Super Saver Books that can be used at Roger's and Maloley's Markets to buy food at a reduction in price. Please place filled books in the offering plate this Sunday or any Sunday that you have them to share!

FRIDAY, SATURDAY

CYF Regional Assembly, Anderson
College

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

8:15 and 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

3:30 P.M. Bell Choir

5:30 P.M. Chi Rho

6:00 P.M. Salad & Sandwich Pot-
luck Dinner

7:00 P.M. "The Newsmen" Concert

MONDAY, APRIL 27

10:00 A.M. Study Group

1:00 P.M. Drumbeat of Love Class

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

11:00 A.M. D.M.A. Steering Com-
mittee

12:00 Noon D.M.A. Potluck &
Program

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

9:30 A.M. Passionate People
Class

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: SOUP, CANNED
FRUIT, POWDERED MILK, CEREAL,
CRACKERS, CANNED MEAT

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

APRIL 26 - MAY 2

Helen Reynolds (27)

Jessie Fern Woodward (28)

Willis VanAlstine (29)

Mildred Hutchinson (30)

Paul Yentes (1)

Virginia Brown (2)

Mabel Cross (2)

Alyce Fuchshuber (2)

Mike Byers (2)

BELL CHOIR - 3:30 to 5:30 P.M.

CHI RHO

THIS WEEK: This Sunday, the Chi Rho will meet at the regular time, 5:30 P.M. We will eat together at the Sandwich & Salad Potluck at 6:00 P.M. and talk about our last session on Drug Abuse. We will be finished by 7:00 P.M. for those who wish to attend the concert by the "Newsmen."

CYF

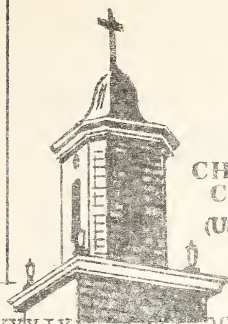
THIS WEEK: Six CYF youth from FCC will be attending the Regional CYF Assembly being held this weekend, April 24-26 at Anderson College. Those attending are Rick Baugher, Tim Briggs, Tim and Sharon Knuckles, Laura Sawyer, and Sherri Melchi. Also attending will be our CYF Sponsors Debbie and Steve White along with Rev. Gary Nunnally. These will leave the church at 5:00 P.M. Friday evening and return around 5:30 P.M. Sunday afternoon.

BOTH GROUPS:

NEXT WEEK: ALL YOUTH will be attending the Area I SPRING ASSEMBLY at West Creighton Christian Church instead of youth groups here. Registration begins at 3:30 P.M. We will leave our parking lot at 3:00 P.M. for those who need a ride to West Creighton. Cost: \$2.00 for dinner.

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GARY NUNNALLY TO PREACH THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, May 3, Rev. Gary D. Nunnally will be preaching at both services. The sermon is entitled, "TIME IN A BOTTLE" and the scripture text is Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. Join us for worship this Sunday as we explore together the simplest, yet necessary condition of existence, "time", and how our lives are a continuous journey, like the flowing in and out of the tide. Dr. J. Maurice Thompson will be liturgist at both hours. Our Chancel Choir will bring the message in music at the 10:45 A.M. Hour and a soloist will share in the 8:15 Worship Hour.

AREA I ASSEMBLY THIS SUNDAY

The Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) in Area I will meet this Sunday afternoon and early evening for their Spring Assembly. The Assembly will take place at the West Creighton Ave. Christian Church, 845 W. Creighton Ave. Registration will begin at 3:30 P.M. with the program beginning at 4:00 P.M. This Assembly is planned for Fellowship and highlighting the church beyond our own individual congregations. A special program will be presented by residents of the Emily Flinn Home in Marion and they will be with us for some informal visiting during the late afternoon. Dinner will be served at 5:45 P.M. A Closing Worship Hour will feature "I Never Saw Another Butterfly", with an Ecumenical Chorus under the direction of Helen Donnell, Director of Music at West Creighton. This musical includes readings, settings of poetry from the Jewish children imprisoned in Theresienstadt Concentration Camp from 1942-44. Rabbi Richard Safran, Rabbi at Achduth Vesholom Congregation will help interpret the background for the musical.

There will be interest groups in the afternoon for elementary children and youth. Our Clown Ministry group will share in three skits at the dinner hour. Cost will be \$2.50 for adults and \$2.00 for children and youth. Child Care for preschoolers will be provided at minimum cost.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR FESTIVAL THIS SUNDAY - Details on page four

SERVING MAY 3

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and
Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Miriam Bixenman and
Dean Widler

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. T. Sauerwein-SW, P.
Yentes-NW, M. Busse, J. Hendricks

10:45 A.M. V. Taylor-SW, L. Fink-
housen-NW, L. York-SE, S. Knuckles-
NE, M. Mullen, J. Jump, B. Briggs,
M. Tobias

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Jack and Tim Sauerwein

10:45 A.M. Jim and Bev Hudlow

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
G. Bozarth, B. Wyant

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Laura York

NURSERY WORKER

10:45 A.M. P. Bickel

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Doug and Karen Rogers

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

316 - Mrs. Almeda Rice

PARKVIEW:

551 - Mrs. Ruth Eiler

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH!

A daughter, Janelle Marie, was
born to John and Mildred Arruza
on April 26, 1981. Congratulations
also to maternal grandmother, Del-
ores Keebortz.

"WHAT YOU ARE IS GOD'S GIFT TO YOU.
WHAT YOU MAKE OF YOURSELF IS YOUR
GIFT TO GOD!"

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The Board of Trustees will
have its May meeting, Tues-
day, May 5. All members of
the Board of Trustees are
needed for this meeting.

BONUS BOOKS/SUPER SAVERS FOR PANTRY/FOOD BANK

Thank you for the sharing
of Bonus Books/Super Saver
Books with us this past Sun-
day. These books will enable
us to buy some food items for
the Pantry/Food Bank at re-
duced prices. We will con-
tinue to receive these books
in the church office or they
may be placed in the Offering
Plate on Sunday morning!

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOUTH COMMISSION MEMBERS!

This past weekend at the
Regional CYF Assembly, two
persons from our congregation
were named to the Regional
Youth Commission. Sharon
Knuckles was named as a youth
representative and Gary Nun-
nally was named as an adult
representative. Both of
these were nominated by the
Board of Area I. Congratula-
tions to these two who have
been selected for these im-
portant positions! We are
proud of you!

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

CANNED MEAT, POWDERED
MILK, FRUIT, VEGETABLES,
MACARONI AND CHEESE DINNERS

MAY BREAKFAST

The Annual May Breakfast will be at 9:30 A.M. on Saturday, May 16, in Fellowship Hall. Mrs. Fran Craddock, Executive Director for the National Department of Church Women, will be our speaker. Her topic will be, "A Picture, a Cup, and a Star." Becki Nunnally will lead the worship and install our C.W.F. officers for 1981-82. These include: President: Miriam Bixenman, 1st Vice President: Barbara Johnson; 2nd Vice President Pat Mullen; and Secretary: Becky Stucky. There is no charge for the breakfast, but reservations will be helpful. Please phone the church office or Miriam Bixenman (745-3365) before May 13. The breakfast is open to all women in the church, plus any guests. The Ruth Group chaired by Virginia Bruckman, is in charge assisted by Opal Carper, Esther Whitton, Fern Strole, Elizabeth Dull, and Edna Nordblom.

ATTENDING MAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

We are pleased to have 11 ladies from this church attending the Church Women United sponsored May Fellowship Luncheon at Waynedale United Methodist Church this Friday. These include: Dorothy Schmidt, Genevieve Ripple, Grace Truby, Mabel Watson, Connie Wells, Val Taylor, Edna Vaught, Avis Thompson, Becki Nunnally, Peg Buskirk, and Miriam Bixenman.

BECKI NUNNALLY SERVING TWO

METHODIST CHURCHES IN AREA

Becki Nunnally, wife of our Associate Pastor and an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is now on the staff part time in two local United Methodist Churches. She presently serves part time as Minister to Youth at Faith United Methodist Church and beginning in June she will become the part time Associate Minister for Church Growth and Evangelism at Simpson United Methodist Church. In addition to these places of employment for ministry, Becki is currently serving on the Campus Ministry Board for IU-PU, Fort Wayne; she is one of our Regional representatives to ICUMHE (Indiana Commission for United Ministries in Higher Education) and is a member of the Regional Commission on Higher Education. We are proud of Becki and are pleased that she has been able to secure places in our community to fulfill her ministry. Becki will continue to participate in activities at First Christian as much as she can.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

MAY 3-9, 1981

Inez Petty (3)
Arza Smith (4)
Helen Steigerwald (4)
Thomas Fountain (5)
Edna Johnson (5)
Lea Jackson (5)
Ken Crawford (5)
Ralph Reynolds (6)
Jackie Keller (8)
Irene Woldldridge (8)

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 2

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast Group

9:30 A.M. Children's Choir to

First Presbyterian

SUNDAY, MAY 3

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

12:30 A.M. Berean Class Brunch,
Mildred Hartman & Mildred Hutch-
inson, 422 W. Oakdale

3:00 P.M. Youth meet here to go
to Area I Assembly

3:30 P.M. Registration for
Area I Assembly, West Creighton
Christian Church

4:00 P.M. Children's Choir
Festival, First Presbyterian

MONDAY, MAY 4

1:00 P.M. Drumbeat of Love
Class

TUESDAY, MAY 5

9:00 A.M. Ruth Group, Sarah
Smith, 3927 Meda Pass

7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

9:30 A.M. Passionate People
Class

8:00 P.M. Outreach & Service
Committee

THURSDAY, MAY 7

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

VISITORS IN WORSHIP

*(first time visitors in
worship this past Sunday
were:)*

Stan Horine, 1927 Brown St.
E.K. Newman, 3623 S. Wayne
Jay Hansen, Schaumburg, ILL

YOU CAN SAVE \$3.00

by enrolling in the Bible Lands
Tour hosted by the Thompsons by
May 1, which is fully refundable
if cancelled by October 4. Ask
the Thompsons about this exper-
ience.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR FESTIVAL

The Children's Choir Festival
a combination of Children's
Choirs from churches in Fort
Wayne, will be held this Sunday
afternoon at 4:00 P.M. at First
Presbyterian Church. Our
Children's Choir under the di-
rection of Shirley Callahan will
participate.

NOTE FOR ALL CHILDREN'S CHOIR
PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR PARENTS:
There is a rehearsal this SAT-
URDAY from 10-12 at the Presby-
terian Church. Our children
should meet ON OUR PARKING LOT
at 9:30 A.M. Please bring sack
lunch. We will eat at Pavilion
1 in Foster Park. Children may
be picked up at 2:00 P.M.

YOU...TH NEWS

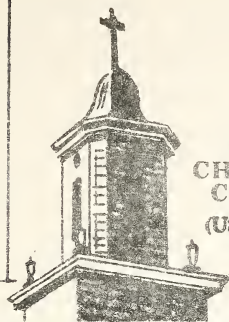
CHI RHO and CYF

This Sunday both youth groups
will be attending the Area I
Christian Church (Disciples of
Christ) Spring Assembly at West
Creighton Christian Church at
845 W. Creighton Ave. Cars will
be leaving the church at 3:00
P.M. for those who need trans-
portation. Registration time
begins at 3:30 P.M. and the As-
sembly lasts until 8:00 P.M.
Cost is \$2.00 for the evening
meal.

Come for a fun-filled day of
activities, food, worship, and
a chance to watch our very own
Clown Ministry Group, "THE JOLLY
JESTERS" perform three skits:
"The Kingdom of God", "The Flat
Tire", and "The Buried Treasure."

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 10

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
12:00 Noon Fellowship Coffee Hour
and CHI RHO BAKE SALE
1:30 P.M. Bell Choir
2:30 P.M. Chi Rho to Wyants
3:30 P.M. CYF

MONDAY, MAY 11

8:00 P.M. Drumbeat of Love Class
9:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild, Mir-
iam Bixenman, 4430 Wilmette
10:30 P.M. Evangelism Committee

TUESDAY, MAY 12

8:30 A.M. Rebecca Group, Charky's
Lower Huntington Road
9:30 P.M. Deborah Group

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

8:30 A.M. Passionate People Class
9:30 P.M. Martha Group, Barb John-
son, 5021 Daffodil
10:30 P.M. Property Committee

THURSDAY, MAY 14

8:15 A.M. Rachel Group, Library
9:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

COUNTRY NEEDS: CEREAL, CANNED SOUP,
CANNED FRUIT, CANNED MEAT, TUNA,
CRACKERS

WORSHIP WITH US THIS SUNDAY MORNING!

AT 8:15 A.M. - Our Meditative
Worship Hour is designed for a
quiet approach to worship. Each
service includes music, congre-
gational singing, special solo
music, readings from Scripture,
guided meditation and prayer,
offering and communion, and the
preaching of the Word. This
Sunday morning Dr. Thompson will
be preaching at the 8:15 Worship
Hour.

AT 10:45 A.M. - Our Divine
Worship Hour this Sunday will
feature a special musical of-
fering by our newly formed
Gospel Singing Group. This
group, made up of members of
our own congregation and some
others is directed by Ann
Hayes, our Director of Music.
The Worship Hour will include
scripture, offering, communion,
and the Children's Sermonette.

JOIN US FOR ONE OF THESE EX-
PERIENCES OF WORSHIP THIS
SUNDAY!

SERVING MAY 10
ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and
George Bruckman
10:45 A.M. Janet Weicker and
William Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Olson-SW, J. Franklin-NW, J. Young, M. Hutchinson
10:45 A.M. T. Harter-SW, K. Crawford-NW, H. Stevenson-SE, M. Callahan-NW, R. Flickinger, G. Falbe, G. Davis, J. Stucky

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, E. Snouffer
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, B. Kerley

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Karen & Ronald Flickinger

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. M. Hartman - W. Bowen

M. Bixenman -

B. Leversee - L. York

G. Klepfer - J. Bickel

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II & III - B. Stucky

K-1 - M. Springer

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

The Chi Rho

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To the family of John Myer who died on April 30. Mr. Myer was a friend and neighbor of the church. Gary Nunnally conducted the Memorial Service.

VISITORS IN WORSHIP

(First-time visitors in worship this past Sunday:)

Leanne Finkhousen, 1312 Union
Michelle Rosey, Marion, Indiana
Mrs. C.V. Stahl, Toledo, Ohio

DISCIPLE SINGLES POTLUCK

The Disciple Singles Fellowship in Fort Wayne (a group of singles from FCC, West Creighton, North Christian and Saturn Christian) will have a Potluck Supper on May 9, 1981 at 6:30 P.M. in the home of John Hunter. R.S.V.P. to Tana Harter, 747-4328.

DEDICATION OF PARENTS AND
CHILDREN TO BE MAY 17

Our semi-annual Dedication of Parents and infants/children will be in the 10:45 A.M. Worship Hour on Sunday, May 17. If persons have infants and/or young children they wish to be dedicated, please call the church office, 744-3239, by Wednesday, May 13.

NEEDED TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Home phone numbers of our pastors:

J. Maurice Thompson - 747-2628

or 1-356-4241 (Huntington)

Gary D. Nunnally - 747-1355

THANK YOU:

With grateful hearts we want to express our appreciation to Gary Nunnally, Karen Flickinger, everyone who participated in the 24-hour prayer vigil and all who visited and sent cards during my hospital confinement. We especially want to express our thankfulness to Maurice Thompson for his many visits and prayers of encouragement. We praise the Lord for all His Blessings!

In Christian love,
Bob and Marilyn Rayl

WF MAY BREAKFAST

The Annual May Breakfast sponsored by the Christian Women's Fellowship, will be held on Saturday, May 6 at 9:30 A.M. The breakfast is open to all women of the church plus any guests. We are having this event on Saturday to enable working women to participate.

Mrs. Fran Craddock, the Executive Director of the National Department of Church Women for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be the speaker. Her topic will be: "A Picture, a Cup, and a Star." Becki Nunnally will lead worship and install the CWF officers for the coming year.

There is no charge for the breakfast but reservations will be helpful. These may be called in to the church office or to Miriam Bixenman, 45-3365 before May 13.

The Ruth Group, Virginia Bruckman, Chairwoman, and a committee of assistants including Opal Carper, Esther Whitton, Fern Strole, Elizabeth Dull and Edna Nordblom will be in charge of the breakfast.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

MAY 10-16, 1981
(Sharon Christeoules was missed last week (4))
An Dickey (10)
Franklin (10)
Carol Dunham (10)
Elvin Williamson (11)
Earl Feltenburger (12)
Ellis Wuthrich (12)
Eldred Tharp (12)
John Hechler (12)
Robert Nulff (13)
Bernice Schnobel (13)
Earl Fusselman (15)
Mary Alice Mullins (15)

ECUMENICAL CHORAL FESTIVAL

The 1981 Ecumenical Choir Festival will be held at the Christ United Methodist Church, 1101 McKinnie, on Sunday evening, May 17, at 7:30 P.M.

The 200 voice mass choir will be directed by Greemen Burkhalter of Berne, Indiana. A special Brass Ensemble will also perform. Participating churches include: Calvary Presbyterian, Calvary United Methodist, Christ United Methodist, First Christian, Grace United Church of Christ, New Haven United Methodist, South Wayne United Methodist, Simpson United Methodist, and Waynedale United Methodist.

There will be Child Care provided for pre-schoolers.

HELP THE OFFICE!

When a Member or Friend moves and the Post Office notifies us by returning their TIDINGS we must pay 40¢ for the returned piece. You could help so much by notifying us before the move. They way, you won't miss a single issue of THE TIDINGS!

AN INVITATION...

Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren Nursery School invites you to attend their Open House and Graduation, Tuesday, May 12, at 7:00 P.M. Student graduating from First Christian this year: Sara Glasgow, Megan Callahan, Jeremy Stucky and Marcie Johnson. Karen Flickinger, of our church is the Director of the School and a teacher.

Monty Tobias (15)
Ethel Birkhold (16)

CAMP AND CONFERENCE

REGISTRATIONS DUE!

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Those youth who will be entering school this fall in the 5th & 6th grades will be attending Level I Camps; those entering 7th & 8th will attend Level II; and those entering grades 9-12 will attend Level III. This year's Camp and Conference program promises to be an exciting one, so don't miss the opportunity to have fun, fellowship, worship, and a chance to meet old and new friends all in one week. (The food will be good too--Miriam Bixenman and Peg Buskirk will be cooking again at Barbee!)

WEEK OF COMPASSION REPORTS!

The latest Week of Compassion report stated that in East Africa we find the largest concentration of refugees on earth as a result of war and drought. Church World Service, which we support through our Week of Compassion offerings, is airfreighting antibiotics, vitamins, and other medical supplies. Also sending medical staff to the refugee camps.

A hotline for up-to-date news of Church World Service has been established--the number is: 800-223-1310.

YOU...TH NEWS!!

CHI RHO

This week, Sunday, May 10, is MOTHER'S DAY! The CHI RHO will be hosting the Coffee Hour and having a BAKE SALE! Join us during the coffee hour for cookies, punch, coffee, and fellowship and at the same time pick up desert for lunch or supper--give Mom a break!

Also, on Sunday, May 10, the Chi Rho youth will be going to Bill and Nancy Wyant's for a party. All Chi Rho youth will meet at the Wyants', 502 Corwin Lane at 5:30 P.M. (we will meet there instead of at the church). Parents may pick youth up at 7:00 P.M.

CYF

Two events coming up this month and next are the CYF CAR WASH on Saturday, May 30 from 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.??? and the CYF RETREAT WEEKEND on Friday, June 12 through Sunday, June 14. More information about these events will be forth coming in THE TIDINGS.

AREA 1 ASSEMBLY A GOOD DAY!

At our best count, 26 to 28 persons attended all or part of the Area 1 Assembly last Sunday afternoon at West Creighton! Our special thanks to our Super Clown Ministry group for their excellent contribution!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 17

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
Infant/Parent Dedication
7:30 P.M. Ecumenical Choir
Festival, Christ United
Methodist Church

MONDAY, MAY 18

1:00 P.M. Drumbeat of Love
Class

TUESDAY, MAY 19

12:00 Noon Faith & Order Lunch-
eon, Associated Churches, to
be served in Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

9:30 A.M. Passionate People
Class
8:00 P.M. Outreach & Service
Committee

THURSDAY, MAY 21

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS:

CEREAL, CANNED FRUIT,
CANNED MEAT, SOUP,
PEANUT BUTTER

*(Bonus Books & Super Saver
Books accepted anytime!)*

EXAMINE YOUR FAITH SUNDAY MORNING

BOTH WORSHIP HOURS next Sunday morning will bring an examination of personal faith, as Dr. Thompson speaks on "ANATOMY OF A CHRISTIAN FAITH" (Mark 9:14-24) Rev. Nunnally will lead the worship.

Inspirational music, directed by Ann Hayes, will lift the worshippers into God's Presence.

PARENT-CHILD DEDICATION opportunity will be offered this Sunday. Parents of children to be included must call the Church Office by early Friday morning.

Come, meet Jesus in His Church!

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ECUMENICAL CHOIR FESTIVAL SUNDAY EVENING

The 200 voice mass choir, a combination of choirs from nine congregations will sing Sunday evening at Christ United Methodist Church. Program begins at 7:30 P.M. Child Care for pre-schoolers. Our choir will be a part of this inspirational evening. Director for the event is Greeman Burkhalter of Berne.

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ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and
Sam Hayes
10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and
Joe Wiley

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Pauley-SW, P.
Yentes-NW, M. Busse, M. Hutchinson
10:45 A.M. K. Flickinger-SW, N.
Lucas-NW, K. Rogers-SE, P. Mullen-
NE, J. Jump, W. Bowen, M. Tobias,
S. Grimm

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
T. Briggs
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
G. Hosfield, J. Hudlow, S. Johnson

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. E. & G. Brown
10:45 A.M. M. & P. Mullen

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Edna & Harold Nordblom

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 622 Mrs. Beatrice Zakhi

VISITORS IN WORSHIP

(First-time visitors Sunday were:)

Donna Maxwell, Andrew Gingrich

(members of the Choir)

Susan Pinnick, 4210 Beaver

Mrs. W. Eugene Broxon, 1125 Lexington

Sandra Stump, 4006 Arlington

Mr. & Mrs. David Hill, 4341 Bowser

Mrs. D'Maris Spencer, Cromwell, IN

Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Simmons, Dublin, IN

Helen & Jim Cain, Sarasota, FL

DSF TO BASEBALL GAME

The DSF will be going to a baseball game in Cincinnati on August 15. Those wishing to go should mail a check for \$8.00 to John Hunter, 7492 Valley Meadows Drive, 46815 by Saturday, May 23.

RECOMMITMENT EXPRESSED SUNDAY

Doug Rogers came forward during the 10:45 A.M. Worship Hour Sunday in a Recommitment of Life to Christ! We welcome these expressions of faith and commitment on the part of our members!

COME DOUBLE CLASS PARTY

The Come Double Class will have a Progressive Dinner on Saturday, May 23 beginning at 5:30 P.M. at the home of Max and Lois Finkhousen, 725 E. Rudisill. From there the group will go to the home of Peg Buskirk. They will finish the evening at the home of Herb and Kathryn Banet.

HELP! HELP! HELP!

Peg Buskirk and Miriam Bixenman, who will be cooks at Camp Barbee this summer, have asked if anyone has a large pressure cooker they are no longer using and would be willing to donate to Barbee. These canners have heavy bottoms, and are helpful in preparing large amounts of food. The pressure gauge does not need to be in working order.

THANKS FROM STARSHINE

The Starshine Singers, our new Gospel Singing Group wishes to express their thanks to those who supported them this Sunday by their presence in worship and the good words of praise! We also thank those who have made donations to the group! These are still being excepted! Please mark clearly "Starshine". Thanks!

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY 5

Those present: Committee Chairpersons: B. Short, J. Church, B. Johnson, P. Bickel, L. York, B. Franklin, G. Bruckman, and M. Hartman

Officers: A. Cook, R. Church, C. Falbe, R. Flickinger

Representatives: S. Hayes, C. Olson, M. Tobias, V. Taylor, B. Taylor, J. Bickel, M. Hutchinson, E. Plummer, J. Zimmerman

Staff: J. M. Thompson, G. Nunnally

Excused Absences: M. Grimm, B. Finkhausen, G. Ripple, R. Ripple, J. Franklin

Reports of the Treasurer and Memorial Funds Treasurer were accepted. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted and the People Report was presented.

The recommendations from the Lay Personnel Committee for nominations were accepted. (These will be printed at a later time). The Congregational election will take place in both Worship Hours on May 31.

The minutes of each Board of Trustee meeting will be made available to anyone wishing them beginning with the July meeting.

DMA PLANS SPECIAL MEETING!

The D.M.A. will be having an extra-special day this month! On Tuesday, May 26, we will meet at the church at 9:30 A.M. to leave for a tour of the worship nave of Trinity Episcopal Church at 10:00. We will then be shown the worship nave of Trinity English Lutheran at 11:00 and the organist, Richard Carlson will give a brief organ concert. We will be at the Lower Huntington Road Charky's for lunch. Following lunch we will tour the Achduth Vesholm Synagogue led by Rabbi Richard Safron. Please make reservations with the church office, Gwynth Rice (747-2662), or Esther Whitton (449-1644).

GREETERS SIGN UP!

A sign-up sheet will be posted downstairs for the next two Sundays to give everyone an opportunity to sign up for Greeters-before-worship!

MAY BREAKFAST

ANNUAL CWF MAY BREAKFAST - THIS SATURDAY - 9:30 A.M. MRS. FRAN CRADDOCK - NATIONAL CWF DIRECTOR SPEAKER! - NO CHARGE - RESERVATIONS APPRECIATED! - CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE!

INTERCESSORY PRAYER - MAY 17-23

Sam Hayes (17)
Delores Overmyer (17)
Carolyn Webster (17)
Shannon Jones (18)
Muriel Wilson (19)
Jack Skelton (19)
Shirley Howell (19)
Earl Snouffer (19)
William Houk (19)
Evelyn Kanczuzewski (19)
Karen Elkins (20)
Viola Gaskill (20)
Hazel Crouse (21)
Bob Hendricks (21)
Bernard Ashe (21)
Edwin Day (22)
Robert Clipp (23)
Jay Bixenman (23)

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EXTENDED SESSION HAS COMBINED CLASSES

For several weeks the Extended Session for Nursery II through 1st Grade children during second hour worship has had combined classes. Nursery II and Nursery III have been combined and Kindergarten-1st Grade are combined. Due to the average number of children in these four groups, the Christian Education Committee and Rev. Gary Nunnally felt that it would be best to combine groups -- at least for the summer months. By combining classes this also allows for better programming on the part of the Extended Session teachers and allows for only one teacher or couple per class. Children in Nursery II class may be picked from the Nursery III room after worship.

BELL CHOIR TO EUREKA, ILLINOIS THIS WEEKEND

The Youth Handbell Choir will be traveling to Eureka, Illinois this weekend to play in the Christian Church there. The church will be providing activities for the choir on Saturday and the choir will be guest for a dinner after church on Sunday.

Choir members should be at the church no later than 9:00 A.M. Saturday. Bring minimum luggage! Bring good clothes for Sunday, sleeping bag, personal items, sack lunch. Some spending money will be needed. Parents use discretion regarding amount (\$6.00 to \$10.00)

SENIOR BREAKFAST

This year, First Christian Church will be honoring our graduating seniors from high-school at Atz's Ice Cream Shoppe at 211 Tillman Road on Sunday, May 31 at 7:30 A.M.

ALL PARENTS AND YOUTH ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND LET'S MAKE THIS A SPECIAL TIME FOR OUR SENIORS!

The Graduating High-School Seniors will be honored at the 10:45 A.M. Worship Hour on that day too.

Known graduating highschool seniors are: Phillip Bozarth, Kim Campbell, Tom Grier, Bruce Grimm, Bobbi Sue Johnson, Scott Keebortz, May Pauley, and Tim Sauerwein. If we have omitted anyone from this list, please contact the Church Office immediately!

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ANNUAL ELECTION SET FOR MAY 31

The Annual Meeting of the congregation for the purpose of electing officers of the Board of Trustees, Committee Chairpersons, and members of the Board of Elders and Board of Diaconate will be held on Sunday, May 31 at both worship hours. The voting will be done by written ballot. The slate of persons for election which has been approved by the Board of trustees follows:

BOARD OF ELDERS - 5 year term (four to be elected) Ennis Brown, Judy Church, Jack Weicker, (one yet to be named).
BOARD OF DIACONATE - 5 year term (eight to be elected) Betty Briggs, Lois Finkhousen, Max Finkhousen, George Hosfield, Jim Hudlow, Karen Rogers, Phyllis Tobias, Bill Wyant. Unexpired terms (1982) Delores Keebortz, Bernie Norman. (1984) Eileen Klepfer.
OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES & CONGREGATION - 2 year term - SECRETARY - Karen Flickinger. TREASURER - Michael Callahan. MEMORIAL FUNDS TREASURER - Randall Lewis.
COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS - 2 year term - STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE - Bill Franklin. MEMBERSHIP - Bill Kerley. PROPERTY - Robert Johnson. WORSHIP & PASTORAL RELATIONS - George Bruckman. BOARD OF ELDERS - Mildred Hartman. CO-CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF DIACONATE (unexpired term, one year) - Betty Briggs.

COMPETITIVE ELECTIONS

ELDER REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (2 to be elected) Miriam Bixenman, Ennis Brown, Glenn Miller
DIACONATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (2 males to be elected) Jack Bickel, Ronald Flickinger, Tom Harter (2 females to be elected) Julia Hendricks, Mildred Hutchinson, Susan Knuckles

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SERVING MAY 24

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Rolland Ripple and
William Franklin

10:45 A.M. Ben Taylor and
Mark Akers

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Brown-SW, D. Church-
NW, M. Busse, P. Yentes

10:45 A.M. V. Taylor-SW, M. Mullen-
NW, J. Stucky-SE, K. Crawford-NE, T.
Harter, M. Callahan, G. Davis, H.
Stevenson

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
Tony & Tim Evans

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
J. Glasgow, S. White, T. York

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. S. Hayes - J. Young

R. Johnson - J. Jump

M. Hartman - G. Falbe

J. Wiley - C. Olson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Gary Falbe

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Ronald & Karen Flickinger

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

664 - Mrs. Beatrice Zakhi

663 - Mr. Luke Sanford

(Pam Bickel's father)

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Bette Gerrard in the death of
her husband, John last week. Jack
had been a member here since 1942.
Dr. Thompson conducted memorial
services on May 15.

To Mildred Hartman, whose sis-
ter-in-law died on Saturday in
Terre Haute.

THERE IS STILL OPPORTUNITY TO
SIGN UP AS A GREETER-BEFORE-
WORSHIP!

The Evangelism Committee will
be giving another opportunity
this Sunday to sign up for
Greeters-Before-Worship. The
sign-up sheet is in Fellowship
Hall. If you will not be pre-
sent this Sunday, you may sign
up by calling the Church Office.

CHEVALIERS TO LAFAYETTE

As of May 21, Robert and
Cecile Chevalier will be resid-
ing at the Indiana Veterans Home
in Lafayette, Indiana. We will
miss them! Our prayers and con-
cern go with them. They wanted
us to express their thanks for
all of the kindness, visits and
cards that have been sent to
them during their illnesses
here. Their address will be:

INDIANA VETERNS HOME

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA 47901

CONGRATULATIONS COLLEGE GRAD!

Congratulations to Chad Cline
who graduated from TCU last week.
Chad will be traveling to Italy
this summer for a study tour.
(Office note: If there are any
other college graduates in the
congregation, please notify the
church office.)

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW HOPE CHRISTIAN CHURCH!

New Hope Christian Church in
Toledo, Ohio, where Ed Allen, Jr.
is pastor, received its charter
this past Sunday, May 17. We
rejoice in this high point in
the life of Ed and the congrega-
tion he serves.

CLOWN MINISTRY WORKSHOP TO BE OFFERED AGAIN



LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! BOYS AND GIRLS
Due to popular demand we will be beginning another CLOWN MINISTRY GROUP this summer. Our goal is to meet 1½ hours a week for eight weeks. After that, the new group will combine with our other group "The Jolly Jesters". Please contact the church office or Rev. Gary Nunnally if you are interested. This workshop is open to Chi Rho youth through Adult members of First Christian Church; Area I Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Churches; and all other denominations. SPREAD THE NEWS!

D.M.A. PLANS TOUR OF THREE CHURCHES AND LUNCH OUT

Our D.M.A. (that's Don't Mention Age) Group will be having a special program and lunch out this month. On Tuesday, May 26, the group will meet here in our parking lot at 9:30 A.M. From here they will go to the Trinity Episcopal Church downtown for a tour of their worship facilities. From there they will go to Trinity English Lutheran Church for a tour and brief organ concert by their staff organist, Richard Carlson.

The group will be at Charky's in Waynedale for lunch at 12:15. Following lunch, the group will tour the Achduth Vesholm Synagogue on Old Mill Road.

Any who feel that they are unable to join the group for the tours are urged to come for lunch--just meet us at Charky's. We do need to know number to plan transportation and to let the restaurant know. If you are going and have not already signed up, call the church office or Gwynth Rice (747-2662).

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER - MAY 24-30

Fred Gaskill (24)	Kristin Byers (26)	Carolyn Gardner (29)
Virginia Bruckman (25)	Eural Rose (27)	Kenneth Allen (29)
Donald Smith (25)	Pat Mullen (28)	Cloe Conner (29)
Kenneth Hunt (26)	Eugene Klepfer (28)	Larry Busse (30)
Harold Nordblom (26)	Genie Marcum (28)	Jo Roseberry (30)

ANNUAL ELECTION (from page one)

CONGREGATION-AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (2 to be elected) - Earl Plummer, Connie Wells, Jerry Zimmerman.

LAY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - (2 to be elected by congregation) - Betty Briggs, Herb Banet, Connie Wells, Sandy Zimmerman.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 24

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

5:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF

MONDAY, MAY 25

Holiday - Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, MAY 26

9:30 A.M. DMA (details on page 3)

7:30 P.M. Lay Personnel Committee

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

9:30 A.M. Passionate People Class

7:30 P.M. Christian Education

Committee

THURSDAY, MAY 28

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS:

CRACKERS,

PEANUT BUTTER

CANNED APPLESAUCE

SOUP

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:15 and 10:45 A.M.

"THE SUN IS SHINING and I AM
BLIND!"

(read Matthew 13:11-17)

Sermon by Dr. J. Maurice Thompson

Great Choral and Organ Music

DSF CAMPING TRIP

The Disciple Singles Fellowship (singles from Disciple Churches in the Fort Wayne area) are planning a Camping Trip to Chain-O-Lakes State Park on June 12 and 13. More details forthcoming! The DSF also plans a trip to Cedar Point on July 11 so put that on your calendar!

YOUTH NEWS

CHI RHO & CYF

Both groups will meet this Sunday evening at 5:30 P.M. Enjoy the fellowship of some super people (our youth, of course!)

GRADUATING SENIORS!! Remember the CYF sponsored Senior Breakfast in your honor on Sunday morning, May 31, at 7:30 A.M. at Atz's on Tillman Road. Parents are especially invited!

GRADUATING SENIORS TO BE HONORED IN WORSHIP

The Graduating Highschool Seniors will be honored in worship on Sunday, May 31 at the 10:45 A.M. Service. Seniors should plan to be present in their caps and gowns. Please assemble in the Parlor at 10:30 A.M.

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GRADUATING SENIORS TO BE HONORED

Deserved recognition will be given this Sunday to those seniors within our church family who are being graduated from high school. They are: Philip Bozarth, Kim Campbell, Tom Grier, Bruce Grimm, Bobbi Sue Johnson, Scott Keebortz, Mai Pauley, and Tim Sauerwein. Our CYF will host an HONOR BREAKFAST for the Seniors and their parents at 7:30 A.M. Sunday morning at Atz's on Tillman Road. All youth in Chi Rho and CYF are invited to attend the breakfast. All seniors will be treated at the breakfast. The seniors will be honored at the 10:45 A.M. Worship Hour. The church will present each senior with a gift from the congregation. All seniors should meet at 10:30 in the Parlor in their caps and gowns for the procession.

MEDITATIVE WORSHIP this Sunday will be an early opportunity for spiritual uplift. Dr. Thompson will speak on "Born to Dream and Do." (Luke 4:16-21). In the SECOND WORSHIP HOUR, Rev. Gary Nunnally will bring the sermon. The title is: "Christianity: Manipulation, Superstition, or Relationship". The Scripture text is: John 18:33-36. Dr. Thompson will be liturgist at this worship hour. Our guest soloist will be Rob Voleker. The Children's Choir will sing, "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love." Choose your service: Honor Jesus, the Seniors, your family and yourself!

ANNUAL ELECTION in both worship hours. As previously announced, the Annual Election of officers for the Board of Elders, Board of Diaconate, and officers and representatives to the Board of Trustees and Lay Personnel Committee will take place in both worship hours, namely, 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. One name needs to be added to the Board of Elders for a five year term: Robert Rayl. A correction needs to be made in the names of those for the Diaconate Representative to the Board of Trustees. Max Finkhousen's name should replace that of Tom Harter. Therefore those nominees for the office of Diaconate Representative to the Board of Trustees (2 to be elected for a 2 year term) - Jack Bickel, Ronald Flickinger, Max Finkhousen.

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10:45 A.M. Barbara Short and
Glenn Miller

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Brown-SW, T. Sauerwein
10:45 A.M. P. Mullen-SW, L.
York-NW, K. Flickinger-SE, L.
Finkhousen-NE, W. Bowen, G. Falbe,
B. Grimm, J. Bickel

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
Tony & Tim Evans
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
J. Glasgow, S. White, T. York

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. M. Bixenman & P. Buskirk
10:45 A.M. George & Robin Hosfield

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Gary Falbe

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II & III - B. Stucky
K-1 - S. Smith

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Bernie & Pat Norman

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

663 - Mr. Luke Sanford
(Pam Bickel's father)

ST. JOSEPH:

704 - Mrs. Jane Harts
917 - Miss Sherri Crist

PARKVIEW:

308 - Mr. Allen Creager

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Genevieve Ripple and family
in the death of her brother, Al-
bert Reynolds, who died Sunday,
May 24.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION:

MRS. BETTE HAINES, 4005 Wen-
onah, 09, 747-5154, made her
confession of faith Sunday
morning at the 10:45 A.M. Wor-
ship Hour. We welcome Bette
into our community of faith!
The date for her baptism has
yet to be set. We rejoice in
this decision of Bette!

VISITORS IN WORSHIP

(first-time visitors Sunday
morning, May 24 were:)
Nancy, Sue, and Deb Huffman,
Fort Wayne
George & Brock Rittenhouse,
Bluffton
Matthew S. Cole, Royal Oaks,
Michigan
Paula Roseberry & Allen McKinley,
Bloomington, Indiana

FREE CAR WASH!!!!

This Saturday, May 30, our
CYF Youth will be offering a
FREE (that's right!) CAR WASH
to anyone coming by the church
between 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.
With spring on its way out and
summer fast approaching, now is
the time to get your dirty car
clean for those afternoon out-
ings, shopping extravaganzas,
vacations, and just plain fun
trips.

We expect Saturday to be a
beautiful day so there will be
no better time to get your car
washed! By the way--donations
will be excepted! So hurry by
Saturday morning and be first
in line!

CLOWN MINISTRY WORKSHOP TO BE OFFERED AGAIN

Interest has been raised to start another Clown Ministry Workshop this summer or fall. A tentative time and day has been set for Sunday afternoons from 5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. The starting date is yet to be decided.

The purpose of beginning another workshop is to allow other youth and adults who did not take part in the first workshop a chance to become part of First Christian's Clown Ministry Group, THE JOLLY JESTERS FOR CHRIST.

This workshop is open to Chi Rho youth through adult members and friends of First Christian, Area I Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) and ALL OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

Those persons interested please contact the church office or Rev. Gary D. Nunnally. It is possible to change the day and time if it would suit more people.

THE JOLLY JESTERS FOR CHRIST plan to visit the children's wing at Parkview Hospital this Saturday. This is only one of many events that have been planned by our group this summer. Sign up now and become part of this exciting type of ministry.



PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING TO BE RECEIVED SUNDAY, JUNE 7

What better way to celebrate the birthday of the church than by sharing in the Special Offering for the Mission Work of the church?

The Pentecost Offering supports the whole work of the whole church. It especially makes possible many nurturing activities for persons of all ages: *Leader development, Resources for church school and fellowship groups, Special events like summer camps, the Quadrennial Assembly, Sessions '84, Regional and General Assemblies.*

We witness to our faith through prayer, through life in the community of faith --- the church--- through daily service where we are, and through GIVING. Use the special giving envelopes for PENTECOST!

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER - MAY 31 - JUNE 6, 1981

Diane Howard (31)
D. Wayne Penny (31)
Barbara Johnson (1)
Arthur Chevalier (1)
Ellen Buchanan (2)

Necia Stucker (3)
David Rinker (5)
Morris Swift (5)
Ralph Church (6)
Terry Walters (6)

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 30

10:00 A.M. CYF CAR WASH

SUNDAY, MAY 31

7:30 A.M. Breakfast to
honor Seniors, Atz's

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
(Honoring Highschool Graduates)

NOTE: ANNUAL ELECTION AT BOTH
WORSHIP HOURS

5:30 P.M. Chi Rho

6:30 P.M. Fireside Group, Ralph
and Judy Church, 5126 Werling

MONDAY, JUNE 1

12:00 Noon Salad Luncheon for
Monday Morning Study Group
Mildred Hartman, 422 W. Oakdale

1:00 P.M. Drumbeat of Love

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

9:00 A.M. Ruth Group, Reba
Fusselman, 6009 Bluffton

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

10:30 A.M. Naomi Group Carry-in
Luncheon, Gwynth Rice, 7001
Premiere

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

CANNED SOUP, CANNED FRUIT,
CANNED MEAT, PEANUT BUTTER

YOUTH NEWS

CHI RHO

Our Chi Rho will be meeting for
the next two weeks, May 31 and
June 7. After these two meetings,
Chi Rho will break for the summer
except for special work projects
and fun events. Watch the TIDINGS
for notification of these events!
CYF

Your presence is needed on Sat-
urday for the CAR WASH from 10:00
A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and the Break-
fast on Sunday morning!

GREETINGS FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE. . .

The Search Committee has had
regular weekly meetings since
the formulation in January.
Our progress to some may seem
too slow, however, we will be
selecting a person that we be-
lieve will be the one for First
Christian and consequently are
very deliberate in our actions.

The questionnaire you answer-
ed in March was very helpful in
establishing a "church profile"
and this information was used
to obtain resumes from the
Regional Office of the Christ-
ian Church (Disciples of Christ)
in Indianapolis. We have also
received four recommendations
from members of the congrega-
tion. In total we have re-
ceived approximately 50 appli-
cations and now are in the pro-
cess of obtaining additional
information on the few we be-
lieve will meet our "profile."

We appreciate your prayers
and your patience.

George R. Bruckman,
Chairman, Search Committee

"STARSHINE" SAYS THANKS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

"STARSHINE" our new singing
group, thanks all for the con-
tributions received thus far!
Donations are still being re-
ceived. Any amount will be
greatly appreciated to further
the work of this group.

Be sure to mark your contri-
bution, "Starshine". Thank you!

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CELEBRATE PENTECOST: DAY OF BEGINNINGS

The grand finale to the celebration of Christmas and Easter, commemorating the Birth and Resurrection of Jesus, comes at Pentecost, which is June 7 this year. First Christian will stand tall next Sunday! Come!

"The Feast of Pentecost for the Hebrews," says Pam Bickel, chairperson for World Outreach, "was a celebration of the first harvest of wheat in the spring. The disciples began harvesting 'believers' on Pentecost, which began with the sending of a new spirit, the Holy Spirit. Peter preached his powerful sermon, and three thousand people responded and became Christians that day.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

NO DINNER FOLLOWING 10:45 WORSHIP

MONDAY, JUNE 8

8:00 P.M. Drumbeat of Love Class

9:30 P.M. Evangelism Committee

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

1:30 A.M. Rebecca Group Lunch at Lambros, meeting afterward at Florence Huddleston, 2718 Capitol

8:00 P.M. Board of Elders

9:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

9:30 P.M. Martha Group Dinner
Out - meet at church

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

9:30 A.M. Rachel Group

"God wants to pour out His Spirit upon all His children, even today and everywhere. We can help reap this harvest through our words, actions, prayers, and gifts. Help us celebrate the birthday of the Church this Sunday by using the special Pentecost Offering envelope. Praise God for His blessings to us!"

COME, LET US WORSHIP

Using Acts 2 as the Scripture, the pastor's sermon in both worship hours, 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. will be "Day of Great Beginnings".

Soloist in both services will be Bernie Norman.

The Chancel Choir will sing in the second service another fine offering of music.

SERVING JUNE 7

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and
Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Joe Wiley and
Eugene Klepfer

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Church-SW, B. Paul-
ley-NW, P. Yentes, M. Busse

10:45 A.M. S. Knuckles-SW, K.
Crawford-NW, B. Briggs-SE, T.
Harter-NE, J. Briggs, M. Callahan,
G. Davis, R. Flickinger

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
G. Bozarth, B. Wyant

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. W. & M. Caldwell

10:45 A.M. B. & P. Norman

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Chip Olson & Mike Callahan

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Ruby Mowery & Shannon Jones

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. C. Akers

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

496 - Mr. Thomas York

ST. JOSEPH:

815 - Mrs. Ethel Allen

383 - Mr. Harold Nordblom

CHI RHO DINNER CANCELLED

The dinner that was announced
last Sunday at the second
worship service has been can-
celled. Plans are being made
to have another one sometime
this summer.

SPECIAL NOTE:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES!

The Board of Trustees will
meet this Tuesday, June 9 at
7:30 P.M. in the Conference
Room. All persons whose terms
expire at the end of June,
1981, those persons whose terms
continue AND THOSE NEWLY ELECT-
ED to the Board of Trustees (wh-
ose term actually begins July 1)
are asked to be present for this
meeting.

BOARD OF ELDERS

ALL elders are asked to be
present (on time, please) for a
brief meeting in the Library at
7:00 P.M., Tuesday, June 9.
(This will precede the meeting
of the Board of Trustees).

VISITORS IN WORSHIP

(first-time visitors in
worship Sunday were:)

Michael Trudel, 416 W. Fairfax

THANKS!

THANKS to Elizabeth Dull,
Dorothy Schmidt, Laura Marks,
Esther Whitton, Pauline Snyder,
Mark Snyder, Ethel Shroyer,
Mildred Tharp, Eileen Klepfer,
Marge Lehman, Zada Gaskill,
Miriam Bixenman, Earl Plummer,
Karen Flickinger, George and
Greg Hosfield for their hard
work folding the neighborhood
mailer that will be delivered
to homes surrounding the church
this week.

(EDITORS NOTE: The office ap-
preciates the artistic talent
of Linda Wiley in helping us
prepare this mailer!)

REPORT OF CONGREGATIONAL ELECTION

There were 162 ballots cast last Sunday in the Competitive Elections, with the results as follows:

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (1981-83): ELDERS - Miriam Bixenman, Ennis Brown; DEACONS - Jack Bickel, Ronald Flickinger; DEACONESSSES - Mildred Hutchinson, Susan Knuckles; CONGREGATION-AT-LARGE Earl Plummer, Jerry Zimmerman

LAY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (1981-83) - Herb Banet, Sandy Zimmerman

ALL NOMINEES in the Non-Competitive Election were elected, as announced previously. Further actions will be by the Board of Trustees. A full-re-listing of the officers of the church will be made prior to the formal installation in September, although terms begin with July 1.



Our choirs, CHANCEL CHOIR, the CHILDREN'S CHOIR, and the YOUTH HANDBELL CHOIR as well as THE STARSHINE Group will be bringing the Message in Music at the 10:45 A.M. Worship Hour on Sunday, June 14. David Mosier will be the soloist that day. There will be no sermon at that Worship Hour. We always look forward to Choir Sunday and the opportunity to hear the musical message from our fine choral groups!

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

The Emily E. Flinn Home in Marion, Indiana is having a WORK-WEEK from June 14-19. Persons will be housed and fed at the Home in return for work which needs to be done there. Chuck Babcock, pastor of the South Side Christian Church in Kokomo is chairman of the week. Anyone interested, call the Church Office and we will put you in touch with Chuck. This is an opportunity to DO Mission work within an hour's drive of Fort Wayne!

GREETER SIGN-UP

This will be the last Sunday to sign-up as a Greeter-Before-Worship. The sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall. Couples and singles are urged to volunteer for one Sunday in this important work!

PANTRY NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, CEREAL,

CRACKERS, NOODLES



COME TO

BIBLE SCHOOL

ADVENTURES

This summer we will be offering an exciting and fun BIBLE SCHOOL ADVENTURE PROGRAM. This program is for Pre-Kindergarten (children who will be in Kindergarten in the fall of '81 and '82) and those who have completed Kindergarten-1st Grades; Grades 2-3; and Grades 4 and 5.

The Pre-Kindergarten Class will meet from 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon on Tuesdays, June 30, July 7, 14, and 21. The Kindergarten-1st Grade Class will meet on Wednesdays, July 1, 8, 15, and 22 from 9:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. They need to bring a sack lunch. The Grades 2-3 and 4-5 Classes will meet on Thursdays, July 2, 9, 16, and 23 from 9:30 to 2:30. They, too, need to bring a sack lunch.

We will be printing more details of our School in future weeks! Watch for news of all the activities, fun and learning we are planning!

YOUTH NEWS

The CYF Youth Retreat that was originally scheduled for June 12-13 has been changed to a later date. More information about the Retreat will be forth-coming in THE TIDINGS.

REFUGEE FAMILY NEEDS ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Our Refugee Committee informs us that for now we are needing to provide some extra financial support to our Refugee family. They continue to be partially self-supporting. Contributions from our members are needed to undergird our support of this family. Mark all contributions Refugee Fund.

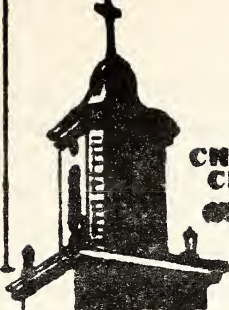
MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER JUNE 7-13, 1981

Stanley Cole (7)
Stephan Taulbee (7)
Virginia Snouffer (7)
Pat Bennett (8)
Ron Kiger (8)
Mel Busse (9)
Chad Cline (9)
Virginia Englehart (9)
Clarence Hetrick (9)
Irene Kissinger (9)
Bill Howard (10)
David Johnston (10)
Sally Cotton (10)

"Love is like water...if it touches a plant, it gives life. If it is put in a vessel on a shelf, it evaporates." - Copied

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CHOIR SUNDAY TO HONOR MUSICIANS

Divine Worship at 10:45 A.M. this Sunday will be given to honor those musicians who by their dedication have made such a commendable contribution to our church life through the ministry of music. Our choirs and their directors -- Chancel Choir and Ann Hayes, Children's Choir and Shirley Callahan, Bell Choir and Mel Busse -- along with the Starshine Singers and Ann Hayes, will present the special message with which the season is closed until fall. Accompanists are Jerry Zimmerman and Diane Mory. The service will include the devotional elements of hymn singing, Scripture and prayer, communion and offering. Let us honor our musicians as they serve us with music!

MEDITATIVE WORSHIP at 8:15 A.M. will be lead by Gary Nunnally, Associate Pastor, with Maurice Thompson, Interim Senior Pastor, bringing the sermon on "How to Tell Right from Wrong." (Suggested reading: Judges 17: 1-6) Soloist will be David Mosier.

CHURCH SCHOOL at 9:30 A.M. between the worship hours, offers a learning experience for everyone. Find fellowship and growth in the class of your choice!

Hear ye, one and all! Come, let us worship, study and fellowship!

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship - CHOIR

SUNDAY

1:00 P.M. Choir Family Picnic

MONDAY, JUNE 15

1:00 P.M. Drumbeat of Love Class

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

7:30 P.M. Education Committee

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

7:30 P.M. Property Committee

ATTENTION! ALL DMAers!!!

The June event for our DMA Group will be a day trip to the Thompsons at Huntington, and two interesting tours there. The date is Wednesday, June 24th. Watch for more details!

SERVING JUNE 14

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and
Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Joe Wiley and Dean
Widler

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson-SW, J.

Young-NW, J. Hendricks, C. Olson

10:45 A.M. L. York-SW, P. Mullen-

NW, L. Finkhousen-SE, J. Bickel-NE,

W. Bowen, K. Rogers, G. Falbe,

J. Stucky

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
E. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
B. Kerley, R. Hunt

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. J. F. Woodward &

J. Feltenberger

10:45 A.M. B. & N. Wyant

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Chip Olson & Mike Callahan

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Carole Overmyer

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. M. Callahan

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH:

815 - Mrs. Ethel Allen

489 - Victoria Greir

MANY THANKS to Dr. Maurice Thompson,
Gary Nunnally, Janet Weicker, Karen
Flickinger, Connie Vincent Wells
and others for their visits, thoughts
and prayers through my recent stay
at the hospital.

God Bless Them All

Harold Nordblom

OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE

is tenderly expressed to Dr.
Harold Cline and his family in
the passing last Sunday of his
father in Ohio. Preferred
Memorials for Mr. Cline may be
sent to the Canton Christian
Home.

Dr. Cline's address is
624 Cherry Tree Lane, South
Bend, Indiana 46617.

PENTECOST OFFERING

for missions last Sunday was
\$703.40. Those who wish to
give more, or did not bring
their offering, may still do
so this Sunday.

Remember -- we are grow-
ing tomorrow's church around
the world. Say "YES" to God's
mission. Care and Share!

VISITORS IN WORSHIP

(first-time visitors in
worship Sunday were:)

Irene Hamman, 7300 Decatur Rd.
Richard, Diane, Bradley, Julie,
& Amy Arnold, 4011 Wenonah Ln.

Richard, Helen & Joan Egly,

RR15, W. Terre Haute, IN
Marjorie Cox, 112 Medusa Ct.,
Syracuse, IN

Carl E. Altman, 6510 Covington
Rd. #236

Sue & Ed Allen, 6213 E. 10th St.
Ct., Wichita, KS (former members)

PANTRY NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, CEREAL,
CRACKERS, NOODLES

A MOMENT WITH MAURICE . . .

Greetings of love to you wonderful people!

Our Lord, in leaving His Church on earth as His people of love, gave definite guidelines for creating and maintaining this fellowship of marvelous interpersonal relationship. He gave His new commandment: "Love one another, even as I have loved you." He further gave the Golden Rule for living out this commandment: "Treat others as you want them to treat you." But many of the specifics He left to our discovery and application.

Let me share with you a well-known test for daily living which has done wonders where consciously and sincerely applied. It grew out of the experience of a Chicago business man, when things were going wrong in his business, family and church. It has been proven over and over as an unquestionable interpretation of the Golden Rule.

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

of the things we Say and Do:

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it Fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build Goodwill and
Better Friendships?
4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

During this interim period between regular pastors, when often the immediate future of the church hangs in balance, I continue to call upon each of you to keep this Four-Way Test before you, and rise to your very best! We are the Church! We are the Church, together! Praise God, and let Jesus lead you, from day to day, in every way, in what you say, and above all in what you do!

How wonderful is the Lord Jesus! May He be all this to you, now!

With much love,
Maurice

CHURCH SECRETARY, Barbara Short, left Saturday with her family for her annual vacation to visit her parents in Oklahoma. Have a great and restful time! Diane Johnson, Financial Secretary, will be serving us full time during these three weeks. Our thanks to Diane, too!

THIS SUNDAY THERE WILL BE NO EXTENDED SESSION FOR NURSERY II & III AND FOR KINDERGARTEN-1ST GRADE DUE TO THE SPECIAL MUSICAL PRESENTATION GIVEN BY OUR CHOIR'S AND STARSHINE. WE WOULD LIKE ALL CHILDREN TO ATTEND THE SECOND WORSHIP SERVICE.

HONORS AT SCHOOL

Ron Flickinger, II, son of Ron and Karen Flickinger, for the third year was honored with the Head Boy Award, Grade 7, at Canterbury School.

At South Side High School, these recognitions were given: Tim Sauerwein, * 3rd Year Honor Roll and Scholar Award; others elected to the National Honor Society were Bruce Grimm, son of Merle and Betty; Kim Campbell, daughter of Watsons; and Scott Keebortz, son of Delores.

These youth have brought honor to themselves, their families and church. Congratulations! If there are others, please tell the Church Office.

*Son of Jack and Doris.

ENROLL FOR BIBLE SCHOOL ADVENTURES

It is time for parents to enroll their children for the summer Bible School Adventure. This may be done in Church School the next three Sundays, or by calling the Office.

Pre-Kindergarten meets 9:30 - noon on four Tuesdays, beginning June 30. Other classes from 9:30 to 2:30 are on Wednesdays for Kindergarten and 1st Grade, and on Thursdays for Grades 2-5 at the same hours.

Give your child the advantage of this extra learning with Jesus!

CHOIR FAMILY PICNIC

will be next Sunday after Worship at the Brigg's home, 5807 Fernwood. Each family will bring covered dish for the potluck dinner. The meat, drink and table service will be provided. For the afternoon of fun and relaxation, bring your swim suit, towel, water wings, lawn games and lawn chairs. We will see each other there!

THE CHRYSALIS CLASS

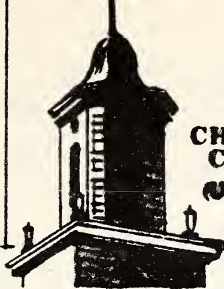
will enjoy a Progressive Dinner on Saturday, June 20, beginning at 6:00 P.M. Be sure to "count yourself in" for this fun event. Come to Church School this Sunday and get the latest information!

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER JUNE 14-20

Mike Watson (14)
Elsie Widler (14)
Doug Allen (15)
Clinton Crowe (15)
Valetta Parlette (15)
Mary King (16)
Josephine Weyer (16)
Andy Cook (17)
Gene F. Auer (18)
Gary Hall (18)
Fern Kenline (18)
Bernice Montgomery (18)
Linda Johnstone (19)
Don Parlette (19)
Robert Coleman (19)
Bill Schilling, Sr. (19)
Esther Whitton (19)
Roxy Wunderlich (20)
Joan Penny (20)

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SUMMER CAMP-CONFERENCE COMMISSIONING THIS SUNDAY

All youth and adults from First Christian Church who will be participating in a Summer Camp or Conference are asked to be in one of the worship hours this Sunday for commissioning. We are proud of our youth, and those adults who work with them.

Youth enrolled to date are: Amy Hayes, Shannon Jones, Bob and Julie Briggs, Kristin Byers, Eric Mory, Larry Taylor, Sharon and Tim Knuckles, and Sara Mullen.

Adult Counselors from this church are: Marlene Crouse (sponsor), Bruce Lehman (sponsor), Jaynie Jenkins (sponsor), and Gary Nunnally (Director).

Other youth may still be included. Act now, get your registration form from the Church Office, and return it quickly with one-half of the fee. The church pays the other half as an investment in Christian Education.

Worship at 8:15 or 10:45 A.M.

"How Far Do You Live From Church?" will be Dr. Thompson's sermon for both worship hours, based on Acts 18:1-8. Gary Nunnally will be at the lectern.

"Comin' Home to Jesus" by Terry Talbot will be played for worship by Steve Hall and Lori Jantz.

Come, let us worship together!

* * * * *

HERE'S AN OLDIE.

"Once upon a time there was a church member on a vacation trip. Getting caught in the rain, he crawled into a hollow log to keep dry. The log got soaked and swelled up, squeezing the man fast Thinking this was the end, all his past life began to appear before him. Suddenly he remembered that he had neglected to pay up his church pledge before he left on vacation. This made him feel so small that he quickly slipped out of the log, hurried back to camp and mailed a check to cover the Sundays he was to be away."

.....Copied

SERVING JUNE 21

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Cecil Rice and
Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Joe Wiley and
Dean Widler

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Church-SW, E. Brown,
M. Busse

10:45 A.M. K. Flickinger-SW, N.
Lucas-NW, J. Jump-SE, V. Taylor-NE,
M. Mullen, G. Falbe, S. Grimm, M.
Tobias

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
T. Briggs

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
G. Hosfield, J. Hudlow, S. Johnson

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Paul Waugh

10:45 A.M. C. & B. Olson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Tom Harter & Jim Stucky

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. R. Church -- M. Callahan

C. Ludwig -- T. Harter

J. Weicker -- M. Hutchinson

Wm. Johnson -- C. Olson

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Carole Overmyer

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. Pam Bickel

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

747 - Emma Jean Phillips

597 - Anna Bower

ST. JOSEPH:

815 - Mrs. Ethel Allen

PANTRY NEEDS:

TUNA FISH, SOUP, P-NUT BUTTER,
CANNED FRUIT

Many needy families in Fort Wayne
are served! You can help!

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Carole Overmyer in the
death of her aunt, Mary Jordan
in Williamsburg, IN.

A WORD OF THANKS --

To our friends in Christ: a
deep feeling of gratitude for
the friendship which many
brought to Jack and me during
these past months--yes--years--
of his ill health.

Dr. and Mrs. Thompson, Dr.
Cline, Esther, Miriam, Peggy,
to see us; Bert and Margaret
Leversee with communion; Sharon
Pauley with gifts & food for
the household at our time of
sorrow.

And all the prayers in Jacks
and my behalf. Thank you and
God bless you.

Bette Gerrard

THANK YOU:

I would like to thank the
Children's Choir for the great
job they did on Sunday. These
include: Sara Mullen, Tammy
Davis, Jennifer Byers, Jeanne
Norman, Mark Zimmerman, Todd
McBride.

Shirley Callahan

MUSICIANS: THANKS AGAIN

Tremendous words of appre-
ciation have been said to our
Chancel, Children's and Bell
Choirs for their service
through the year, and for last
Sunday -- and we say it again!
And how could we ever forget
the directors -- Ann Hayes,
Shirley Callahan, Mel Busse -
and also Jerry Zimmerman and
Diane Mory. Great!

SOME ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES -- June 9, 1981

Opening devotions chosen from Acts 20, with 33 members present.

Voted to pay $\frac{1}{4}$ of Budgeted \$1,000 to National Evangelistic Association with balance later as money available.

Voted to approve Outreach expenditure of \$325 for suction machine at Woodhaven Learning Center, and \$100 toward air-conditioning at Innman Child-Parent Center.

Voted to confirm Constitution and By-Laws Revision Committee: Miriam Bixenman, William Caldwell, Marlene Crouse, George Davis, Mildred Hartman and Jack Weicker.

Voted to elect Betty Briggs and Connie Wells as two additional members of Lay Personnel Committee for two years.

Voted to authorize bids of \$3,700 for outside painting, and \$2,100 for roof repair.

By consent accepted report of Max Finkhousen as new Custodian.

Voted to rent one additional room on Saturday nights to Fellowship Bible Church for \$35, and the use of part of the church in August for a revival meeting on 5 consecutive nights, exclusive of Saturdays, for \$1,250. Also, two rooms may be used for pictorial directory photography with no cost.

Voted to accept the recommendation of the Board of Elders, and unanimously commend George Bruckman for certification as a Licensed Lay Minister of the Christian Church in Indiana.

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ANOTHER HONOR:

Missed in last week's "Tidings" was Eric Mory, son of Dick and Diane Mory, who was awarded a Scholarship Letter at Geyer for having a "A" average for the year. Congratulations. (Any others missed? Tell the Office)

DMA SET FOR HUNTINGTON TOUR:

Wednesday, June 24, the DMA Group will go to Huntington to tour the new Central Christian Church and "Our Sunday Visitor", one of the largest and most modern Catholic publishing houses in America. The Thompsons will be host to dinner at their home northwest of Huntington. Meat and beverages will be furnished with each person bringing a covered dish and table service. The group will leave our church at 10:00 A.M. with return about 4:00 P.M. If you have not signed up, call the Church Office, and join in a day of fun!!! Already 30 have signed up for this tour. Others are welcome!

QUARTERLY MEETING OF ELDERS:

The regular, but important, meeting of the Board of Elders will be held in the Conference Room on Thursday, June 25 at 7:30 P.M. Agenda includes Role Play on Home Communion, special study by the Interim Minister, and formulation of plans for acceptance of new pastor by congregation. A full attendance is urged!

FIRST-TIME VISITORS IN WORSHIP

Mr. & Mrs. R.L. Sturgis, 824 Hamilton

Richard Fisher, 4320 Marquette Dr.

Mrs. Gary Becker & Children, 4905

S. 99th St., Omaha, Nebraska

Mr. & Mrs. James Schroeder, La
Porte, IN

Virginia Geserflow, St. Joseph, IN

Mrs. Marjorie Cox, 112 Medusa Ct.,
Syracuse, IN

Mrs. Hazel Millis, Indianapolis

Ben & Eric Wedler, 3929 Thornbury

Jack Stefau, Florida

Mrs. Pauline Horn, 602 Lookout #112

Richardson, TX (Out-of-town
member)

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PARENTS: ENROLL YOUR CHILD IN BIBLE SCHOOL ADVENTURES

"God's People: Living With Promise" is the theme for Vacation Bible School Adventures this year. Enrollments are being received on forms given to the children in Sunday School, or parents may call the Church Office. There is no charge—just make an effort to have your child present as much as possible.

Pre-Kindergarten meets for four Tuesdays, 9:30 - noon, beginning June 30. Kindergarten and Grade I meet on Wednesdays, 9:30 to 2:30, and Grades II through Grade V meet the same hours on Thursdays. Lunch is "sack" at noon.

Enroll your child now, or Sunday, for a great learning experience.

NEEDED: KOOL-AID AND COOKIES FOR THE CHILDREN. PLEASE LEAVE IN THE KITCHEN.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP?

It's not too early to sign up for the DMA trip to the Wagon Wheel Theatre in Warsaw to see "Hello Dolly" on August 4. \$11.00 covers the bus and show. Give your name to the Office today, and have a fine trip!

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

6:00 P.M. Chrysallis Class
Progressive Dinner

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

MONDAY, JUNE 22

NOTE: Associate Pastor, Gary Nunnally will be at Barbee Christian Camp through Saturday serving as Director of the Youth Conference.

1:00 P.M. Drumbeat of Love
Class

7:30 P.M. Outreach & Service
Committee

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

7:30 P.M. Elder's Meeting

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER JUNE 21 - 27

Orie McDougale (21)

Norma Sterling (21)

Henry Flowers (23)

Jo Flickinger (23)

Kurt Schryver (23)

Jack Weicker (23)

LeAnn Ulrich (23)

Mamie Miller (24)

Dean Widler (25)

Amelia Dare (26)

Norma Andrew (26)

Lois Buchanan (27)

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"NOT ONE WITHOUT THE OTHER"

will be the sermon next Sunday at both the 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. Worship hours by Dr. Maurice Thompson, Interim Senior Pastor, with Ezekiel 47:1-6a as the text and Chapters 46 and 47 for extended reading. The message will examine the human tendency to be satisfied with only a part of what God offers to the Christian.

Judy Smith will be guest soloist for next Sunday, with Jerry Zimmerman at the organ. Presiding at the lectern will be Rev. Gary Nunnally, Associate Pastor.

When the lure away from the church is so strong during summertime, an appeal is made to every family to stand by the church!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

3:30 P.M. Jones-Creager Wedding
and Reception

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Sunday School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

MONDAY, JUNE 29

7:30 P.M. Education Committee

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

9:30 A.M. to Noon - Bible School
Adventures - Pre-Kindergarten

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

9:30 - 2:30 Bible School Advent-
tures - Kind. - 1st Grade

THURSDAY, JULY 2

9:30 - 2:30 Bible School Advent-
tures - Grades 2-3 & 4-5

LAST CALL FOR ENROLLMENT

OF CHILDREN IN THE Bible School Ad-
ventures, which will begin next
week. The theme is "God's People:
Living With Promise:", which will
be a study of the promises of God,
adapted to the various age levels.
Enroll your child for the full four
weeks by coming to the Church Of-
fice or calling 744-3239.

NEEDED -- Kool-Aid and cookies
for the children. Please leave in
the kitchen.

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Dorothy
Schmidt - 219 W. Sherwood Terrace

SERVING JUNE 28

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and

Robert Johnson

10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and

William Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Pauley-SW, D. Church-

NW, J. Hendricks, C. Olson

10:45 A.M. S. Knuckles-SW, B.

Briggs-NW, H. Stevenson-SE, J.

Briggs-NE, W. Bowen, K. Rogers,

B. Grimm

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,

T. & T. Evans

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, B. Wyant, S.

Hall, J. Glasgow, S. White, S.

Johnson

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. R. & E. Fusselman

10:45 A.M. W. Bowen & G. Ferguson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Tom Harter & Jim Stucky

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Vince & Connie Wells

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. Carolyn Falbe

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

M-120 - Emma Jean Phillips

PANTRY NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, CEREAL, TUNA,
CANNED MEAT, JELLO, NOODLES

A WEDDING INVITATION TO ALL:

All members have been invited to the marriage of Susan K. Jones and Allen D. Creager in the sanctuary on Saturday, June 27, 1981 at 3:30 o'clock, and to the reception following in Fellowship Hall. Our congratulations and best wishes!

MORE HONORS TO YOUTH

Eric Zimmerman received a scholastic award for 2nd place in his class of over 200 8th grade students at Fairfield Middle School, and was honored for maintaining an "A" average for the entire year. He also was recipient of the 8th Grade Band Award. Congratulations, Eric! (And if there are others, someone tell us, please!)

ASSOCIATE MINISTER AT BARBEE CAMP:

Our church is proud that Gary Nunnally has been selected to direct the Summer Youth Conference at Barbee Camp this week. This is one way in which we make a further investment in youth!

OUR NEWEST MEMBER

Allen (Al) D. Creager, 3324 Sequayah Pass, formally entered the fellowship of our church family last Sunday by transfer from Moeller Road Wesleyan Church. Al has been attending for some time, and involved in various activities. It is a joy to welcome him!

CHI RHO....

is planning a pool party on July 5. See next week for more details.

PENTECOST OFFERING THIS YEAR totaled \$786.40, which is a commendable sharing in the Basic Mission of the Church.

ACT OF LICENSING LAY MINISTERS

With the need for professional ministers being unfulfilled in not a few Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ), lay persons may now be licensed through the Certification Committee of the Division of the Ministry of the Christian Church in Indiana.

By this act the church recognizes the calling of these persons as servants of God; their abilities, qualities and preparation needed for the performance of their assigned responsibilities; accepts their ministry in and for the Christian Church, and for the whole Body of Christ; and grants authority to perform that ministry in the prescribed areas of responsibility.

In accepting this license, the Lay Minister affirms the vocation of obedience to God by caring for the church; offering gifts of body and energy, mind and spirit, time and service; and agrees to fulfill the functions of a minister in the prescribed areas.

It is for such Lay Ministry that the Board of Elders and the Board of Trustees have commended our own elder, George Bruckman, and stand ready to give further considerations in the interest of an enlarged ministry.

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YOUTH NEWS

CYF Bake Sale will follow the second worship hour this Sunday in Fellowship Hall. Here is a grand chance to have a cup of coffee, get first chance at the goodies, and help our youth.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

will meet in the Conference Room on Monday, June 29, 7:30 P.M., with Chairperson Barbara Short presiding. All members present for important matters.

TO All CYFers -- Meet in the parlor after the offering in the second service to set up for the Bake Sale. We need your help! Bring your baked goods to the kitchen.

Also -- there will be a scheduled meeting on this Sunday at 5:30 P.M. to plan activities and upcoming events. It can't be done without you!

YOUTH CALENDAR -CYF

JULY

- 5 - NO MEETING
- 12 - Sign Party for Car Wash
- 18 - Franke Park - Hot Air Balloon Race 7:00 A.M.
 - Trip to the Zoo and Picnic
- 19 - NO MEETING
- 25 - Car Wash - 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.
- 26 - Retreat Planning Session and Snack Supper

The worshiper with expectancy will usually find at some point the resources and helps he anticipates.

"Enter His Gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise."

SOMEBODY ELSE SUDDENLY DIES

The Church was saddened to learn this week of the sudden and unexpected death of one of our church's most active members, Someone Else. As we approach the mid-point of 1981 and look ahead to the beginning of the new church year, we must reflect, all of us, upon this very sobering news.

Someone Else's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with us for years and for every one of those years, Someone did far more than a normal person's share of the work. Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results: "Someone Else can work with that group." When there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend . . . "Let Someone Else do it."

It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the largest givers in the church. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone assumed that Someone Else would make up the difference.

Someone Else was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing to be superhuman, but a person can do only so much. Were the truth known, everybody expected too much of Someone Else. Now Someone Else is gone! We wonder what we are going to do. Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things we were always too willing to let Someone Else do? This means, of course, that we can no longer depend on Someone Else to do everything for us. If all the areas of ministry and needs that exist here are to be taken care of, then we must do it together.

--Copied

S T O P !

Don't go home as soon as Sunday School is dismissed. Somebody might follow your example and never come back. Example is the world's best or worst teacher. Stay for the sermon. It might be the last one you will ever hear.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

JUNE 28 - JULY 4

George Hosfield (28)
Pauline Horn (28)
Mildred Linn (28)
Scott Rayl (28)
Dwain Graham (28)
Thomas Rayl (29)
Karen Buzzard (29)
Mildred Hartman (29)
Cheryl Busse (30)
Leesa Jump (30)
Schellie Schell (1)
Marilyn Butler (1)
Steve Kreischer (2)
Sue Skelton (2)
Monette Wetzel (2)
Shirley Dibble (3)
Martha Cole (4)
Michael Coleman (4)

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JULY 4

Holiday - Church Building
Closed

SUNDAY, JULY 5

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
4:00 P.M. Chi Rho Pool Party
at Briggs, 5807 Fernwood

TUESDAY, JULY 7

9:30 A.M. Bible School Adven-
tures - Pre-Kindergarten
7:00 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES
(PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE FOR
THIS MONTH ONLY)
8:00 P.M. Meeting of Lay Per-
sonnel & Committee Chair-
persons to select committee
members.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

9:30 A.M. Bible School Adven-
tures - Kindergarten-1st Grade

THURSDAY, JULY 9

9:30 A.M. Bible School Adven-
tures - Grades 2 & 3
Grades 4 & 5

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

CRACKERS, NOODLES, PEANUT
BUTTER, CEREAL, CANNED
MEAT

CELEBRATE

YOUR

INDEPENDENCE

"Use Well Your Freedom"
will be the sermon subject of Dr.
J. Maurice Thompson, Interim Sen-
ior Minister, this Sunday for
both worship services using
I Peter 2:13-17 as the text.
Not only as a nation, but as
persons, families and church,
we have certain freedoms which
bring both a responsibility and
a privilege.

Krista Rogers will bring our
special music, as a part of our
worship experience. She will
be singing "Gentle Shepherd" by
Gaither.

With Christ --

*It's not so much where you have
been, but where you are going.
It's not so much that you have
hurt, but that you will heal.
It's not so much what you have
done, but what you will do.*

-- Copied

SERVING JULY 5

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and
Charles Ludwig
10:45 A.M. Dean Widler and
Joe Wiley

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. T. Sauerwein-SW, D.
Church-NW, J. Franklin, D. Kee-
bortz
10:45 A.M. N. Lucas-SW, J. Bick-
el-NW, L. York-SE, M. Callahan-NE,
J. Stucky, P. Mullen, L. Finkhausen,
G. Falbe

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
D. Pomeroy
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. G. & E. Brown
10:45 A.M. C. Overmyer

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. M. Akers - D. Keebortz
R. Johnson - B. Briggs
R. Rayl - S. Grimm
G. Klepfer - K. Rogers

COMMUNION PREPARATION

John & Betty Briggs

NURSERY WORKER

10:45 A.M. B. Short

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II & III - R. Krull
K - 1 - S. Schell

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Rolland & Genevieve Ripple

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW:

452 - Mr. Gail Roe

DEATH OF MEMBER

Raymond Russell, a member since 1949, died on Monday, June 22. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, Lila, and others in the family.

OUR NEWEST MEMBER

We were pleased Sunday to welcome Mr. Gary Helmke, 5103 S. Harrison, 07, into our community of faith. Gary came to us by transfer from the Emmas Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

SPECIAL MEETING ON TUESDAY,
JULY 7

In order to facilitate the work of the congregation we are scheduling two meetings on one night, July 7. The BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet at 7:00 P.M. (PLEASE NOTE THIS DIFFERENCE IN TIME!) At 8:00 P.M. there will be a meeting of the Lay Personnel Committee and the Chairpersons of all Committees. The purpose of this meeting is to select persons to serve on the committees of the congregation. All Committee Chairpersons are needed at this meeting. If you cannot be present, appoint a substitute from your committee.

BOARD OF DIACONATE MEETING

The BOARD OF DIACONATE will meet on TUESDAY, JULY 14, at 7:30 P.M. All members of this group need to be present!

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

We congratulate Carlton and Genie Marcum on the birth of their daughter, Susan, on June 25. Congrats also to maternal grandparents, Rocky and Lee Baugher.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLY WEDS

Susan Jones and Al Creager were married in our sanctuary June 27. Address: 3324 Sequayah Pass. 06.

LUNCH OUT AND RIVER CRUISE

Anyone may join the D.M.A. for their lunch and river cruise on Friday, July 17. Simply call the church office (744-3239), Esther Whitton (449-1644), or Gwynth Rice (747-2662) as soon as possible. The group leaves the church at 11:00 A.M. and will eat at Bill Knapp's at 11:30 A.M., with the cruise on Fort Wayne's Three Rivers to follow. The cost of the cruise is \$1.25 for Senior Citizen's and 50¢ more for those not SCs! Come, join us!

TICKETS TO WAGON WHEEL GOING!

The DMA sponsors a bus trip to Wagon Wheel at Warsaw to see "Hello Dolly" on Tuesday, August 4. Anyone, senior citizen or not, is welcome. Tickets are \$11.00 for the bus and play, and must be secured from the church Office. Departure from the church will be at 6:00 P.M. with return possibly by 11:00 P.M. Sounds like fun! Come along?

HOW ABOUT SOFTBALL...OR BOWLING?

If it's softball, then come to Portage Junior High School on Tuesday nights at 7:00 P.M. Join in the fun!

OR...

if you are interested in a bowling team, contact Sam Hayes, (432-3015). Play will begin in the fall. You'll enjoy it!

"LIFE IS FRAGILE . . .
HANDLE IT PRAYERFULLY!"

BIBLE SCHOOL ADVENTURES BEGIN THIS WEEK!

Tuesday was the first day for Bible School Adventures for this Summer. Much is being planned for this four-week event. Children come for one day a week for four weeks. We encourage attendance at all sessions but even one week is perfectly alright! Classes for Pre-Kindergarten Children are on Tuesdays, 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 noon. Kindergarten-1st Grade (those who have completed these grades) will meet on Wednesday's from 9:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. and need sack lunches. Grades 2 & 3 and 4 & 5 will meet on Thursday from 9:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. and need sack lunches.

Avis Thompson and Pam Bickel are Co-Directors for this Summer. Teachers are:

PRE-KINDERGARTEN: Pam Bickel,
Becky Stucky, Carolyn Falbe.

KINDERGARTEN-FIRST GRADE:

Sharon Pauley, Sandy Zimmerman,
Lisa Jump

GRADES 2 & 3: Nancy Harter,
Nancy Wyant

GRADES 4 & 5: Connie & Vincent
Wells

Shirley Callahan is the music director for the school and Becki Nunnally is serving as Craft Coordinator.

STILL NEEDED FOR BIBLE SCHOOL ADVENTURES:

Children -- Kool-Aid -- Cookies (The Children may register and come on their class day, the Kool-Aid and cookies may be left anytime in the church kitchen. Thanks!)

THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE. . .

expresses appreciation to 11 who have given physical and financial support in improving our facility. The storm windows and heating system rebuilding is the latest, this adding comfort at decreased cost.

In July there will be a "CLEAN-UP" Program. The exterior will be painted and the roof repaired. Your assistance is again needed. Every area of the building should be cleaned by the group using it, thereby making a "hard job" easy! Eliminate surplus and scrap material, and put everything in place. Make your church one to be proud of.

God has done His best for us -- can we do less?

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

JULY 5 - 12, 1981

Mai Pauley (5)
Terry Wuthrich (5)
Richard Johnson (6)
Miles Zimmerman (6)
Louis Chaser (6)
Glenna Smith (6)
George Ludwig (7)
Lola Miller (8)
David Griggs (9)
David Kreischer (9)
Connie Knight (10)
Sandra Meadows (10)
Esther Clipp (11)
Mary Anne Heiney (11)
Robert Johnson (11)
Nancy Harter (11)

VISITORS IN WORSHIP SUNDAY

(first-time visitors last Sunday were:)

Norm Appleby, 629 Candlelite Ct.
Tammy Smith, 5103 S. Harrison
(continued next column)

YOU...TH NEWS

CHI RHO

Coming up this Sunday evening, July 5, the Chi Rho will be going to the Brigg's at 5807 Fernwood for a POOL PARTY. Don't miss an opportunity like this to get cooled off this summer and have fun at the same time. The party will begin at 4:00 P.M. and last until 6:00 P.M. Be sure and bring a friend!

CYF

Last week the CYF had a Bake Sale in the Fellowship Hall and we made \$28.25. We would like to thank all persons who bought our baked goods and made it a success.

Events that will be coming up later in July will be:

JULY 5 - NO MEETING

JULY 12 - Sign Party for Car Wash

JULY 18 - Franke Park - Hot Air Balloon Race at 7:00 A.M. Trip to Zoo and Picnic

JULY 19 - NO MEETING

JULY 25 - CAR WASH - 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

JULY 26 - Retreat Planning Session and Snack Supper

Be sure to mark your calendar now for these important events.

Becky Bissette, 2907 Shawnee Dr.
Courtney Malott, 4728 Beaver
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CHURCH CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JULY 11

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

FRIDAY, JULY 12

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

SATURDAY, JULY 14

8:30 A.M. Bible School Adventures, Pre-Kindergarten

1:00 P.M. Softball, Portage

Junior High School

7:30 P.M. Board of Diaconate Meeting

SUNDAY, JULY 15

8:30 A.M. Bible School Adventures, Kindergarten-1st Grade

MONDAY, JULY 16

8:30 A.M. Bible School Adventures, Grades 2 & 3, 4 & 5

TUESDAY, JULY 18

12:00 Noon Staff Picnic at the Thompsons

ENTRY/FOOD-BANK NEEDS:

CANNED MEAT, CEREAL,

CRACKERS, NOODLES,

PEANUT BUTTER

"PICTURES OF GOD" TO BE

SERMON TOPIC SUNDAY

In the Bible one can find several types of pictures which show how people looked at God, how they looked at themselves, and what they thought God was doing in the world. Sometimes the pictures we have of God are accurate; sometimes they are distorted. This is not a reflection upon God, but a reflection on our thinking and our relationship with Him. Today, we have our own pictures of what God is like, but unless one looks at the life and teachings of Jesus, it is a mistake to take any one picture of God and say it personifies Him.

Come, join us at either the 8:15 A.M. or 10:45 A.M. Worship Hour, as Rev. Gary D. Nunnally explores "The Pictures of God" as seen through children's and adult's eyes and minds. The Scripture texts are: Genesis 5:1, 2 and John 14:8-11.

SERVING JULY 12

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and
Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Robert Rayl and
Barbara Short

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Briggs-SW, C. Olson-
NW, B. Briggs, M. Hutchinson

10:45 A.M. K. Flickinger-SW, M.
Mullen-NW, S. Knuckles-SE, T. Har-
ter-NE, M. Tobias, W. Bowen, J.
Jump, K. Crawford

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
E. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson

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NURSERY WORKER

10:45 A.M. S. Callahan

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II & III - R. Krull

K-1 - S. Schell

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

The Ralph Church family

BOARD OF DIACONATE

The BOARD OF DIACONATE will meet at the church on Tuesday evening, July 14, at 7:30 P.M. This is an important meeting for this group. There will be a special orientation for new Diaconate members as well as a discussion for ALL members of duties and responsibilities.

CHURCH STAFF TO PICNIC

The entire Church Staff and their families have been invited to a picnic at the home of the Thompsons northwest of Huntington on Saturday, July 18. Here's how to find our Interim Senior Ministers when they are home (1): Coming to the north edge of Huntington on Rd. 24, go north $\frac{1}{2}$ mile on Rd. 5; turn left on Grimm Rd; after $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and crossing a bridge, make a sharp right turn onto Timothy Dr. -- a welcome awaits anyone at the 4th house on the right!

WAGON WHEEL TRIP TO "HELLO DOLLY OPEN TO ANYONE!"

We have a number of tickets left and seats on the bus to Wagon Wheel Playhouse's Production of "Hello Dolly", on August 4! Cost: \$11.00 for bus and tickets (eat before coming). Anyone is welcome, no matter what age or relationship to this church. Call the church office to reserve your ticket and seat. (744-3239). Departure time on August 4 is 6:00 P. M. from the parking lot.

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW:

452 - Mr. Gail Roe

VISITORS IN WORSHIP

*(first-time visitors in worship
on Sunday, July 5:)*

Miss Patsy Gregory, 2922 W. Calif.
Mrs. Sue Owens (Thompson's daughter),
Kirkland, Washington
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hurdle, Mr. & Mrs.
William Bellam, Miss Janice Bellam,
Mr. Lawrence Carlson all from
Huntington.

COME, WORSHIP WITH US AGAIN!

Our D.M.A. Group (that's Don't Mention Age) is planning a very special time for July! You won't want to miss it! ANYONE IS WELCOME FOR THIS EVENT. The group will meet at the church parking lot at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, July 17. The next stop is Bill Knapp's at 11:30 A.M. for lunch. (so, if you live north, perhaps you will want to meet the group there.) Following lunch, there will be a 45 minute scenic river tour of Fort Wayne's three rivers complete with historical narrative. The tickets for the cruise will be \$1.25 for senior citizens, \$1.75 for other adults. We do need a head count, so if you plan to join us for this fun-filled day, call the church office (744-3239), Gwynth Rice (747-2662), or Esther Whitton, (449-1644).

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CHURCH RECEIVES "THANK-YOUS" FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS

We received the following from the Cleveland Christian Home:

Dear Friends:

We are very happy that you have so many soup eaters at First Christian Church! Those labels have made possible the purchase of record players cassette recorders, gym mats and balls, a filmstrip projector and film-strip stories with tapes for our children. Thanks to all of you. . .

Sincerely, John Petton, Administrator

(NOTE: This letter came after we sent another "batch" of labels cut from cans of Campbell Soup products. In another letter, the Home shared this information: They were able to purchase items for their Day Care Center using 70,850 Soup labels! A little goes a long way! Check the Outreach Bulletin Board for the complete list of items purchased. Leave your Soup labels in the Church Office--we'll send them for you.)

AND THIS NOTE. . .

Dear Friends:

We thank you for your recent gift of towels and hotpads and the making the new bedpads for the Home at Emily Flinn. The many organizations and individuals who remember us help provide a richer life for our residents. Your interest and concern for Emily E. Flinn Home are deeply appreciated. May God richly bless each of you.

Richard Lovelace, Administrator

(NOTE: Our CWF participated in this project and join in many projects during the year to help our Home for the Aged in Marion. Giving takes many forms. We rejoice in our ability to give in so many ways!)

PUT A SPARK IN YOUR SUMMER

SINGLES RETREAT at Indian Lake, Indianapolis, August 7-9, to address the needs and situation of each age through small group discussion and keynote leadership.

TRAIL CAMP in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, August 9-15, with transportation from Indiana. A real experience of living in the beautiful out-of-doors!

FAMILY CAMP at Barbee Christian Camp, September 4-7 for the whole family, with events for every age. A real chance to develop and enjoy that "togetherness."

YOUTH ADVISORS AND OFFICERS will meet at Indian Lake Retreat Center on Saturday, September 19 for training, sharing and planning. Further information on each of the above is in the Church Office.

CHI RHO NEWS

The Chi Rho Pool Party was a splshing success last Sunday for the Wyants, Briggs and Mory's! Chi Rho sends a special thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Briggs for opening their home and pool for us. Watch TIDINGS for future events and happenings!

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

JULY 12-18, 1981

Jeff Johnson (12)

Ralph Keller (12)

Laurell Cole (12)

Judy Markley (12)

David Pence (12)

Ina Smith (14)

Darvin Tomes (14)

Cecil Rice (14)

John Steigerwald (15)

Max Geiselman (16)

Thelma Swift (17)

Donald Johnson (17)

George Davis (18)

GRADES 2 & 3 and 4 & 5 will be meeting together for Church School during July in the Grade 4-5 Classroom.

OUTREACH NEWS FROM HONG KONG

At a Christmas celebration of the Hong Kong Christian Industrial Committee, a worker and a visitor from abroad shared their understanding of what Jesus meant to them.

The worker said, "Jesus is very close to us workers. He was poor. He led a life of conflict with the powerful. He is one of us, our brother."

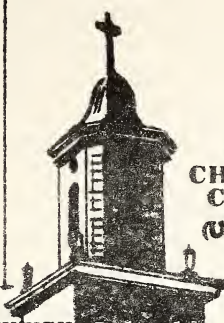
The visitor said: "To me, Jesus is somebody to be looked up to. He is high above ordinary human beings. He is out master, our Lord."

To which the worker replied: "Throughout our whole life we workers have too many bosses over us. We cannot conceive Jesus Christ as a kind of super-boss above all other bosses. To us it is important that he shared our condition."

This is a powerful message! Jesus became one of us and shared the conditions of the poor.

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A New Sermon Series

CHURCH CALENDAR

"GREAT WORDS

from SMALL BOOKS"

SATURDAY, JULY 18

6:00 A.M. CYF to Balloon Race
(see page 4 for details)

12:00 Noon Staff/families to the
Thompsons for picnic

SUNDAY, JULY 19

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

MONDAY, JULY 20

7:30 P.M. Christian Education
Committee

TUESDAY, JULY 21

9:30 A.M. Bible School Adven-
tures, Pre-Kindergarten

7:00 P.M. Softball, Portage
Junior High

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

9:30 A.M. Bible School Adven-
tures, Kindergarten-1st Grade

THURSDAY, JULY 23

9:30 A.M. Bible School Adven-
tures, Grades 2 & 3, 4 & 5

7:00 P.M. Bible School Adven-
tures Open House

SATURDAY, JULY 25

10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. CYF Car Wash

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

PEANUT BUTTER, CRACKERS,
CEREAL, CANNED MEAT

In the New Testament, there are four small Books with only one chapter, out of which comes four great words of the Christian Faith and Life. An appeal is made to all our families to read and reread each of these writings before coming to hear their exposition in Sunday worship. Be renewed in the real Spirit!

"The Word of Love" will be the sermon this Sunday at both 8:15 and 10:45 A.M., with the required reading being Paul's letter to Philemon. Rev. Gary D. Nunnally will be at the lectern.

Gerald Gilbert will be guest organist, the first of four Sundays he will be assisting. The special music will be a presentation on the piano by our own William (Bill) Wyant.

SERVING JULY 19

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Janet Weicker and
Sam Hayes

10:45 A.M. Judy Church and
Mark Akers

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Young-SW, M. Busse-
NW, J. Hendricks, J. Franklin

10:45 A.M. V. Taylor-SW, P. Mul-
len-NW, K. Rogers-SE, J. Stucky-
NE, M. Finkhausen, G. Falbe, S.
Grimm, E. Klepfer

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
T. Briggs

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
S. Johnson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. E. Brown - H. Stevenson

M. Hartman - M. Mullen

C. Rice - L. Finkhausen

D. Widler - M. Hutchinson

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Jim & Leesa Jump

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mildred Hutchinson & Laura York

NURSERY WORKER

10:45 A.M. Becky Glasgow

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II & III. Rosemary Krull

K-1 - Schellie Schell

COFFEE HOUR HOST

Opal Carper

BOARD MINUTES AVAILABLE

As a result of action taken at the May, 1981 meeting of the Board of Trustees, minutes of each Board meeting are available to anyone in the congregation immediately following the Board of Trustee meeting. The minutes of the July 7 meeting are printed and available in the entry ways at the church building.

OUR CONCERN OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

encircles Gary Nunnally, our Associate Minister, and his family in the sudden passing of his grandfather, W.T. Connally, at San Antonio, Texas. Gary and Becki left immediately to be with the family, and provide the full Christian ministries for them. Our prayers, as well as a floral offering from the church, expressed our concern.

THANK YOU

I would like to express my appreciation to Maurice Thompson and Barb Short for their prayers and words of comfort in the death of my grandfather, W.T. Connally of San Antonio, Texas and to First Christian Church for the flowers that were send in his behalf.

Gary D. Nunnally

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW: 306 - Mrs. Nancy Smith

VISITORS IN WORSHIP (first-time visitors in worship last Sunday included:) Mr. Frank C. Helvie and Mrs. Carl Flaughter of Huntington, Mrs. Robert Bear of Roanoke, and Mr. & Mrs. D. Helvie of Lake Forest, Illinois. THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US!

(A Note: Summer is a time when many of us have out-of-town visitors in our homes. Why not bring them to worship and church school with you?)

MEMORIAL GIFT GIVEN

The Church was pleased to receive this past week a Memorial Gift from Jack Williams in Memory of his wife, Helen. The Gift was designated especially for the Educational Ministry of the church. Record players for children's classrooms have already been purchased and additional equipment for classroom use will be secured. Helen made so many valuable contributions to the lives of children and youth during her life. Her influence in person's lives and this lasting equipment will enhance the educational ministry of this church for years to come!

HOW TO PROPERLY SCHEDULE EVENTS

Two trains on the same track sped toward each other. A disastrous collision seemed inevitable. Each engineer thought he had proper clearance. An error in scheduling has been made.

To avoid distressing conflicts in the church, a simple scheduling process is followed: The "official calendar" is that of the Church Secretary, and holds precedence over all others. Entries may be made only by the Church Secretary, Financial Secretary, or one of the ministers. This is done after consulting with the staff person assigned to the group. Cancellations or changes naturally are done in the same manner.

This simple procedure has proved effective in avoiding conflicts and misunderstanding, and is urged here.

THE CHURCH RECEIVES A "THANK-YOU" LETTER

(Note: The following letter came to the church office in response to a check in the amount of \$250.00 sent to the National Evangelistic Association.)

This is to acknowledge receipt of a check from the First Christian Church in the amount of \$250.00 which represents 25 memberships in NEA.

We are most grateful for the continued support from your church and especially when it represents memberships. We believe this is most important in getting congregations to begin to become more concerned for evangelism and its ministries.

Please extend our appreciation for this support to Dr. Thompson, your Interim Pastor, and other members of the First Christian Church who support the work of NEA.

Most sincerely,

Wade Rubick,

Treasurer,

National Evangelistic Association

SCOTT KEEBORTZ TO AUSTRIA!

Under the exchange student program sponsored by the Lion's Clubs, one of our recent high-school grads, Scott Keebortz, will be spending 5 weeks in Austria. Scott was selected from a number of applicants. He will be living with a family and making visits to surrounding countries. Congratulations!

YOU "OUGHTA" BE AWARE

As previously mentioned, July is our "house-cleaning" month. As a part of this effort the exterior of the church is being painted and repaired. The letting of contracts to perform this work was done on the basis that the first six months of the budget was on schedule and bills could be paid. However, it now appears that we are slipping. Since these bills must be paid in August, we request each family to review your giving and assist the church in meeting her obligations.

Dr. Thompson has stressed many times the need of preparing ourselves for our new Senior Pastor. Too often we find ourselves saying, "I'll become more active when we get our new pastor." We need you now! We need to "close ranks and be shoulder to shoulder" facing all diversions with a solid front. As you may know, we are starting our new church program year, and many will be asked to serve and participate. Please give prayerful consideration and try to identify yourself with some active function of the church.

The Property Committee

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

JULY 19-25, 1981

Warren Webster (21)
Jane (Weicker) Hahn (22)
Tom Harter (22)
Randy Lewis (22)
Mary Wilhelm (23)
Cora McKinney (23)
Forrest Smith (24)
Edith Roush (24)
James Leshner (25)
Marianne Howard (25)

YOUTH NEWS

CYF

This Saturday, July 18, the CYF will be going to the Hot Air Balloon Race at Franke Park at 7:00 A.M.! All youth are to meet at the church by 6:00 A.M. so that we can all go to the park. Afterwards we will be going to the Zoo and having a picnic (please bring your lunch in a sack). Don't miss an exciting day like this --tell your friends, and we'll see you there!

There will be no CYF meeting this Sunday because of the full day on Saturday.

COFFEE HOUR HELP NEEDED!

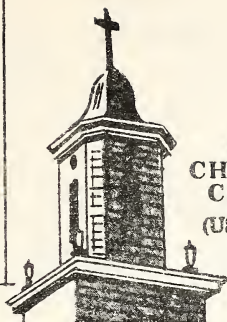
Volunteers to host the Fellowship Coffee Hour are needed for the rest of the summer! Please call the church office if you can take one of these Sundays.

Admit One
"Hello Dolly"

A few seats are still available on the bus going to the Wagon Wheel Playhouse on August 4 to see "HELLO DOLLY!" The cost is only \$11.00 per person! This small sum includes a round trip seat on an air-conditioned bus and an excellent seat for the production! To reserve one of the remaining seats, call the church office (744-3239).

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JULY 25

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. CYF

CAR WASH

SUNDAY, JULY 26

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

TUESDAY, JULY 28

7:00 P.M. Softball, Portage

Junior High

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

7:00 P.M. CWF Study Committee

7:30 P.M. Refugee Committee

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

CEREAL

POWDERED MILK

CANNED FRUIT

CANNED MEAT

(WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING FILLED
BONUS AND SOUPER SAVER BOOKS)

*"Christ alone can save the
world,
but Christ cannot save the
world alone."*

-- Copied

ANOTHER "GREAT WORD

from A SMALL BOOK"

The second of four interesting books in the New Testament, each having only one chapter, will be examined in next Sunday's sermon by Dr. Thompson at both worship hours, 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. The Book is II John, in which will be found "The Word of Fellowship."

Much that is called fellowship today is not really Christian fellowship. II John tells us what produces true fellowship, and how it is preserved. It is suggested that all families read and live with this short Book of only 13 verses, and then the message will be more meaningful.

Becky Stucky will be soloist for this Sunday singing, "Behold the Lamb" with Jerry Zimmerman at the Organ and accompanist.

There is a tie that binds us together in the Church. Come, with your family and friends, and rejoice in our Marvelous Fellowship.

SERVING JULY 26

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. William Franklin and
Sam Hayes

10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and
Ben Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SW, B.
Briggs-NW, T. Sauerwein, J. Briggs

10:45 A.M. W. Bowen-SW, N. Lucas-
NW, H. Stevenson-SE, L. York-NE, V.
Taylor, B. Wyant

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
Tony & Tim Evans

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
J. Glasgow, S. White, T. York

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Fred & Rychie Smell

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mildred Hutchinson & Laura York

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. G. & R. Hosfield

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II & III - R. Krull

K-1 - S. Schell

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Jim & Becky Stucky

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

774 - Mr. John Freed

DEATH OF MEMBER

Monty G. Tobias, a member here since 1976, a member of the Board of Diaconate and the Board of Trustees, died July 16. Memorial services were conducted in the Sanctuary on Monday, July 20 with Dr. Thompson and Gary D. Nunnally officiating. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, Phyllis, and the rest of the family.

WEDDING INVITATION

The congregation is invited to the wedding of *Sally Cline* to *Garth Beerman* to be held in the Central Christian Church, Denver, Colorado, on Saturday, the 8th of August and to the Reception following at the Country Village Hotel in Wheatridge, Colorado.

(NOTE: Sally's address is:
6885 W. Iowa Avenue
Lakewood, CO 80226.)

FORMER PASTOR MOVES

The Church Office received a note this week from Franklin and Rachel McGuire. Franklin is now serving the Jefferson-town Christian Church which is near Louisville. Their new address is:

3509 Historic Drive
Jeffersontown, KY 40299

THANK YOU NOTE:

I want to thank in this way the many friends for cards, telephone calls, visits, and prayers; for Janet Weicker, Karen Flickinger, Pastor Thompson and Gary Nunnally for their prayers and concern and home calls while I'm recovering at home.

Ethel Allen

(Note: Our sympathy is also expressed at this time to Ethel whose brother, Emery Hunt, died this past week.)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...THE PAN-TRY/FOOD BANK PROVIDED FOOD FOR A TOTAL OF 127 PERSONS DURING APRIL, MAY, AND JUNE!

F_R_E_E C_A_R W_A_S_H



Has your car been looking a little or a lot dirty lately because of the rain and the mud or because it has been on vacation? Well, now is the time to get your CAR WASHED and it will not cost you a cent! its F-R-E-E The CYF will be washing cars this Saturday, July 25 from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. in the church's parking lot. So hurry on down Saturday morning and get yours washed! It will look like its brand new! DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!

WAGON WHEEL TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE...

We have at this writing 11 seats available on the bus and 11 seats to see the Wagon Wheel Playhouse's production of "Hello Dolly" on August 4. The cost is only \$11.00 and this opportunity is open to anyone. To reserve one of these remaining tickets, call the church office, (744-3239).

FAITHFULNESS

If your car starts one out of three times, do you consider it faithful? If your paper boy missed the Monday and Thursday editions, would you consider him/her faithful? If you fail to go to work two or three days a month would your boss call you faithful? If your refrigerator quits a day now and then, do you excuse it and say, "Oh well, it works most of the time?" When you step into the shower and get cold water instead of hot, would it be faithful? If you miss a couple of mortgage payments in a year's time, would your mortgage holder say, "Oh well, ten out of twelve isn't bad?"

If you miss one worship service...what then?

The Bible says, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:23-23)

(copied from the Bulletin, First Presbyterian, Frankfort)

Y-LET · WORKSHOP TO BE HELD IN INDIANAPOLIS

A Youth Leadership Effectiveness Training Workshop for Youth Sponsors and Chi Rho and CYF officers will be held on Saturday, September 19th at Indian Lake Christian Retreat, northeast of Indianapolis. The time will be 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The objectives of the workshop are: (1) to give general leadership training to the area of youth ministry, (2) to give opportunity for specific planning for fall and winter youth programming, and (3) to provide the opportunity for renewal that comes with meeting other youth leaders. The registration fee for each person will be paid by the church. Please contact Rev. Gary D. Nunnally or the church office if you are interested in going. Lunch will be provided at no extra cost.

"FOOD" FOR THOUGHT...

"What is Christianity?"

In the home, it is kindness;
In business, it is honesty;
In society, it is courtesy;
In work, it is thoroughness;
In play, it is fairness;
Toward the fortunate, it is
congratulation;
Toward the unfortunate, it
is pity;
Toward the weak, it is help;
Toward the wicked, it is
resistance;
Toward the strong, it is
trust;
Toward the penitent, it is
forgiveness;
And...
Toward God, it is reverence
and love."

--Douglas Hyde.

C-H-U-R-C-H spells Church.
But it doesn't mean any-
thing unless UR in it.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

JULY 26 - AUGUST 1

Woodie Klepfer (26)

Sue Kiger (26)

Eric Zimmerman (26)

Paul Girdner (27)

Mark Pontius (27)

Ruth Neal (27)

Kevin Bozarth (27)

Bette Haines (27)

James Brickley (29)

Carol Cline (29)

Lucile Welsh (29)

Delmas Young (30)

Bonnie (Fusselman) Evans (30)

Wilberta Edgington (31)

Carl Smith (31)

Lori Lewis (1)

Robin Hosfield (1)

Margaret Snouffer (1)

Dick Mory (1)

Mary Lou Hartzler (1)

Wanda Howell (1)

Sue Ann Ludwig (1)

Glenn R. Miller (1)

VISITORS IN WORSHIP

(first-time visit-
ors in Worship on
Sunday were:)

Mrs. Donna Gilbert,

Romy & Larry

1612 Alabama

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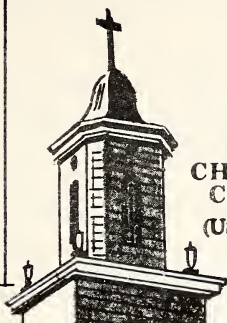
Mr. & Mrs. George

Landis of

Huntington

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AND INVITE THEM TO RETURN OFTEN
TO WORSHIP, STUDY and FELLOWSHIP
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FOR YOU

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

7:00 P.M. Persons meet on
Parking Lot for trip to
Wagon Wheel Playhouse
7:00 P.M. Softball, Portage
Junior High School

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

7:30 A.M. Naomi Group, Esther
Whitton, 3308 S. Clinton

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast Group

PLAN AHEAD FOR THIS DATE!

ALL-CHURCH PROGRAM PLANNING

RETREAT, AUGUST 29, from
9:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. to
be held in the North Christ-
ian Church building. FOR
ALL FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEES
OF THE CHURCH.

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

CANNED SOUP, CANNED FRUIT,
CRACKERS, P-NUT BUTTER, POWDERED MILK

"THE WORD OF EXAMPLE"

Another of the small books of the Bible with only one chapter is that of III John. A study of this writing will be made at both worship hours this Sunday morning by Dr. Thompson, in which will be discovered, "The Word of Example."

John commends Gaius for his example which brings joy, and for his loyalty to his fellow-Christians, and especially those who minister to them. He cites the bad example of Diotrophes, and the good example of Demetrius. Read III John in your personal preparation for Sunday worship at 8:15 and 10:45 A.M.--and do bring your Bible to follow the sermon.

Our special music this Sunday will be brought by Margo Parlette in a violin solo. Gerald Gilbert will be guest organist.

Resolve to be a good example for others in the fellowship of our church family.

SERVING AUGUST 2

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and
Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. William Johnson and
Dean Widler

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson-SW, J.
Hendricks-NW, D. Church, C. Olson

10:45 A.M. E. Klepfer-SW, R. Flick-
inger-NW, L. York-SE, V. Taylor-NE,
J. Hudlow, G. Hosfield, M. Mullen,
K. Flickinger

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. C. Ludwig - J. Hendricks

G. Miller - M. Busse

M. Snyder - J. Briggs

B. Taylor - W. Bowen

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Max & Lois Finkhausen

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. B. & N. Wyant

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II & III - J. & B. Glasgow
K-1

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

10:45 A.M. G. & R. Hosfield

As of the time THE TIDINGS was
printed, we had no hospital
patients.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Mrytle DeVinney whose sister,
Phyllis Moran, died this past Sun-
day. We also extend our sympathy
to the mother, Mildred Peterson,
who is on our friends list.

MAY WE RESERVE A SEAT ON THE
BUS FOR YOU!

The chartered Indiana Motor
Bus taking us to Warsaw on
Tuesday evening, August 4 has
7 seats left at this writing!
Will you be one to fill one of
these seats? As you know, we
are making the trip to Warsaw
to see the production of
"Hello Dolly" by the Wagon
Wheel Playhouse. To reserve
a seat and a ticket, call the
church office, 744-3239. Cost
is only \$11.00! The bus will
leave our parking lot at 6:15
P.M. and return after the play.

IT'S TWINS!

Our congratulations to
Saleum and Phomsupha, part of
our Laotian family who are the
proud parents of twin boys!
The boys have been named Thav-
ysit Jackson and Thanongsack
Johnny.

VISITORS IN WORSHIP

(first-time visitors in wor-
ship this past Sunday were:)

Mr. Marion Blue, Tiffin, Ohio

Mrs. Jim Saintegna, Emily and

Annie, Union City, Ohio

Mrs. Jane Johnson & Carol,

Columbus, Ohio

Harold & Ethel Weaver, Leb-

anon, Indiana

Jim, Sue & Tony Owens,

Kirkland, Washington

Nancy Landes, Lansing,

Michigan

Grace Salzman, Fairfax,

Virginia

OUR THANKS TO BIBLE SCHOOL ADVENTURE WORKERS

Certificates were presented to 35 children at the Bible School Adventures Open House which was held this past Thursday evening. The children also shared music and displayed material which had been prepared during the 4 week school. A total of \$73.19 was collected in offering during the school which will be sent to the Heifer International Project to purchase bee hives for developing countries. During the school, each class had the privilege of visiting Delmas Young's bee farm and learning first-hand how bees help us.

Our thanks to persons who provided leadership during the school: Co-Directors: Avis Thompson and Pam Bickel. Teachers: Pam Bickel, Carolyn Falbe, Becky Stucky, Sharon Pauley, Sandy Zimmerman, Leesa Jump, Nancy Harter, Nancy Wyant, Connie and Vincent Wells, Music leaders: Shirley Callahan, Genevieve Ripple and Diane Mory; Child Care Persons: Sharon Knuckles, Tony and Gary York. Becki Nunnally served as craft coordinator and Gary Nunnally helped in many ways. We also appreciated the many persons who provided cookies and Kool Aid!

Someone has said..."The true measure of the worth of education lies not in what you can get from the world, but in what you can give it it."

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

Much of the work which is done in the Church Office is helped by willing and able volunteers from the congregation who give their time and ability for various tasks. Some persons have performed a job on a regular basis. Recently these persons have been Barbara Johnson, Miriam Bixenman, Judy Church and Pat Mullen. Many others are on an on-call basis and help out on one-time tasks.

At this time the Church Office has several regular volunteer jobs which could be filled by willing persons. One such job is folding and addressing THE TIDINGS each week. After some preliminary training this job could be done in about two hours each Wednesday morning.

Another job is filling-in in the office as receptionist and telephone answerer when one of the secretaries is not in the office. This would be primarily from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. on one of two afternoons a week.

It would also be helpful to have a person willing to help in the folding and stapling of the worship bulletins. This job would require about an hour on Friday afternoons.

We also need persons from time to time who would be willing to do typing in their homes.

If anyone has questions or is willing to volunteer for one of these jobs, call the church office anytime!

YOU...TH CALENDAR CYF

Next month is August and a whole schedule of activities is planned. Be sure to put the following days on your calendar. More information about each event will be forthcoming in THE TIDINGS.

AUGUST

- 2 - Potluck Dinner and Swim-Party at Briggs'
- 9 - No meeting
- 16 - Youth meeting
- 23 - Putt-Putt Golf at Bluffton Road
- 29 - Ski Day at Lake James
- 30 - Parents & Youth meeting

The Youth Retreat originally planned for the weekend of August 15-16 has been cancelled and will be rescheduled. The reason for cancelling is more time was needed for planning the event.

NEW RELIGIOUS BOOK STORE IN TOWN

Zondervan's a religious bookstore has opened up in the new addition of stores near Hudson's in Glenbrook Square. Zondervan's has a stamp program that allows churches to get free books for their libraries. When a person or church purchases materials from them, they are given so many stamps according to the purchase price of the materials bought. If anyone plans on buying anything from them the church would appreciate the library stamps so that we can receive new books for our church library.

NOTE: Any Church School teacher purchasing materials outside of the regular C.E.S.A. curriculum needs to check with the Christian Education Chairperson and/or Associate Pastor before these materials are used in our church school.

REGIONALLY SPONSORED OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUN, FELLOWSHIP AND GROWTH

FAMILY CAMP - September 4-7 at BARBEE CAMPGROUNDS - Directed by Will and Marcia Jewsbury, this weekend event for families (a family consists of one or more persons!) is sponsored by the Christian Church in Indiana. The theme is "We Share a Common Story" and each day will include time for family worship and play as well as time for study and large group activities. Glenn Riddell, on the staff of Eureka College, will serve as religious storyteller. Sites are available for tents, trailers, and campers and there is limited space in cabins and the house. Cost varies depending on accommodations needed. Each family is responsible for food with some "potluck" meals planned. The church office has further material.

MEN'S RETREAT - "Shirt Sleeve Ministries" - September 18-20 at BARBEE. This retreat begins at 4:00 P.M. on Friday evening and concludes Sunday, at 11:30 A.M. The purpose of the retreat is to deepen communion with God, with other persons and with oneself. The church office has brochures and registration forms.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

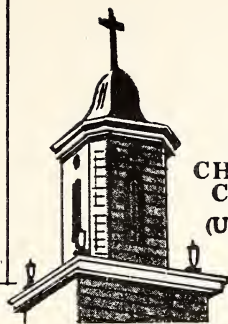
AUGUST 2-8, 1981

Dorothy Morris (2)
Betty Olson (4)
Kathryn Eich (4)
Ethel King (6)
Ronald Elliott (8)
Elizabeth Moody (8)

"God works through people who work." -- Copies.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild,
Pearl Heidecker, 2445
Fairfield Ave.

7:30 P.M. Evangelism Committee

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

7:00 P.M. Softball, Portage
Junior High School

ALL-CHURCH PLANNING RETREAT
(All Functional Committees)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 from
9:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. in
the North Christian Church
building, Coldwater Rd. at
Camden Dr.

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED FRUIT,
CANNED MEAT, CANNED PEAS,
POWDERED MILK, NOODLES
Jars and Plastic Containers

WORSHIP

AND READ

THE BOOK OF JUDE

to find

"THE WORD OF WARNING"

The last of the four "Great Words from Small Books" of the New Testament will be examined by Dr. Thompson at both worship services next Sunday. It appears that Jude began to write a positive message about salvation, but shifted to a word of warning about the well-being of the Church, which is appropo for the Church today. He gives a five-fold directive which will make this or any church stronger.

Read Jude this week, and bring your Bible with you to either the 8:15 or 10:45 A.M. worship service.

George Bruckman, one of our candidates for the Lay Ministry, will preside at the lecture.

The need to share in sacred worship is just as great in summertime as any other, and the Lord's promise to meet us there is just as sure.



CYF

This weekend, CYF WILL NOT MEET. Next weekend, Sunday, August 16th, the CYF will be going to play Putt-Putt at the 4400 Bluf-ton Rd. course and going afterwards to Laura Sauerwein's for refreshments. Come and join us for fun and fellowship. Bring a friend!

USED STAMP PROJECT CHANGES

We have been notified recently that the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will no longer be able to participate in the Used Stamp Project due to increased costs of continuing the program. The deadline for getting stamps to Indianapolis for final processing is August 31. Bring your cancelled commemorative stamps (please leave a paper border around the stamp of at least $\frac{1}{4}$ inch) and place them in the box on the window ledge leading to Fellowship Hall. Bette Gerrard has been processing these stamps for us and sending them on to Indianapolis. She recently sent 4,000 stamps!

RECENT "STARSHINE" ACTIVITIES

The Starshine Group has been busy and active this summer. They have rehearsed regularly and last Sunday sang a musical program at Westminster Presbyterian Church. They are scheduled to provide the music for the contemporary worship service at Simpson United Methodist Church in September.

Your faith: Use it, or lose IT!

VISITORS IN WORSHIP

(first-time visitors in worship last Sunday were:)

Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Heemsoth,
10744 U.S. 27 South 16
Brett Staton, 2602 Gardenview

ASSOCIATE PASTOR ON VACATION

Our Associate Pastor, Gary Nunnally and his wife, Becki, will be on vacation from August 8-22. On August 23, Gary will be filling the pulpit at Saturn Christian Church as guest preacher.

CMF RETREAT AT BARBEE

The Men's Retreat will be held at Barbee Christian Camp from September 18-20 this year. Resource persons for the weekend event include Enoch Henry from the Department of Church Men of the Christian Church and Mordecai Finch and John Compton of the Regional Staff. The Retreat which begins on Friday evening will seek to detach men from the claims of daily living and concentrate on deepening communion with God, with others, and oneself. Details are available from the Church Office.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

AUGUST 9-15, 1981

Betty Briggs (9)
Linda Favory (9)
Charline Craig (10)
Beverly Johnston (10)
Sarah Likens (10)
Alice Nulff (10)
Marilyn Snouffer (11)
John Ohneck (11)
Dennis Andrew (13)
Judith Ferguson (13)
Harriett Weaver (14)
Rebecca Bowman (15)

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

7:00 P.M. Softball, Portage
Junior High School

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

COMING DATES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

3:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. - ALL-CHURCH
PLANNING RETREAT at North Christian

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

2:00 Noon - ALL-CHURCH PICNIC
McMillen Park Pavilion

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- Installation of Officers and
Boards at both worship hours
- Promotion Sunday and Recognition
of Teachers in Church
School

ANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

CEREAL, CANNED FRUIT, CANNED
VEGETABLES, POWDERED MILK,
CANNED SOUP, CRACKERS, NOODLES

SMALL JARS, PLASTIC CONTAINERS

WORSHIP TOUCHES LIFE

Dr. Thompson will turn to the basic attitudes and understanding which influences everyone's interpersonal relationships as this Sunday he speaks on

"The Splendor in Flaw",

with the suggested reading being John 1:35-42. If you feel that your relationship with your family, friends, and even strangers, is not quite what it should be, then this message is for you; if you feel all is well between you and others, then definitely you should hear the sermon.

Karen Flickinger, the first of our two Licensed Hospital Callers, will preside at the lecturn, and share her faith in this manner.

Bernie Norman will be the soloist and Gerald Gilbert will be the Guest Organist.

Two worship hours, quite similar, are offered for the convenience of our families and friends. It is just as foolish, though in a different manner, to try to live the week without worship as to try to keep physically strong without food and rest. Come, Worship!

SERVING AUGUST 16

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and
Ennis Brown

10:45 A.M. Joe Wiley and
Robert Rayl

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Church-SW, C. Olson-
NW, J. Briggs, B. Briggs

10:45 A.M. S. Knuckles-SW, G. Hos-
field-NW, N. Lucas-SE, B. Wyant-NE,
K. Flickinger, M. Finkhousen, S.
Grimm, B. Norman

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
T. Briggs

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
S. Johnson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. J. Church - L. York

Wm. Johnson - J. Jump

M. Bixenman - J. Young

D. Widler - P. Mullen

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Julia Hendricks & Val Taylor

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. J. & B. Briggs

10:45 A.M. T. & N. Harter

NURSERY WORKER

10:45 A.M. P. Bickel

EXTENDED SESSION

John & Becky Glasgow

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

M-201 Mr. August Mueller

PARKVIEW:

323 - Mrs. Nellie Roe

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Lorea Kuhlman, whose husband,
Ora, died last Tuesday.

To Margaret Leversee, whose bro-
ther, Gerald Karnes died in Muncie
last week.

VISITORS IN WORSHIP

*(first-time visitors in wor-
ship last Sunday were:)*

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Hook,
Payne, Ohio

Mr. & Mrs. Howard McVay,
Palmetto, Florida

Mr. & Mrs. C.L. Linn,
Paulding, Ohio

Mr. & Mrs. George Flint,
Paulding, Ohio

Cash Miller, Cleveland, Ohio

BARBARA INTERVIEWED

Recognition came to our
Church Secretary, **Barbara**
Short, in her being chosen to
be interviewed for an article
which appeared in the Journal-
Gazette on August 2. The re-
porter was Mrs. Debby Brian, a
former member at First Christ-
ian. When such recognition
comes to a person associated
with our church, it makes us
proud!

NOT TOO LATE FOR HOLY LAND

There are a few openings in
the tour group to be led to
Israel, by the Thompsons leav-
ing Chicago on November 4.
They are in constant touch with
conditions in Israel, and, as
often is the case, find that
the media has greatly exaggera-
ted. There is less danger
where the group will tour than
in some areas of our own city!
Why not contace the Thompsons,
and get a whole new perspective
on the Bible.

A MODERN PROVERB:

*"Worry, like a rocking chair,
will give you something to do,
but it won't get you anywhere."*

A MOMENT WITH MAURICE . . .

It was a real pleasure to visit with an elderly retired minister, who had given his life serving God and other people. His little grandson came in, sat on his lap, rested his head on his shoulder. Looking up, he said, "Grandpa, I sure do love you!" The old man, with a tear easing its way down his wrinkled cheek, looked deeply at the child, and then to me he said, "How can you respond to such love as this, except with love!" At this he bent down and kissed the child on the cheek and replied, "I love you, too, my child; I love you with my whole heart."

This, my dear friends, is what our religion is all about. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son," who came and sat upon the lap of the old world, so to speak, and said, "I sure do love you, every one of you." This message of love, its splendor, its emulating magic, is what grips the heart of man in no other way. Drummond said, "Love is the greatest thing in all the world." How true this is!

And this, my friends, is what the church is all about. We are called to be God's People, and His people show each other more by their actions than by words. "I sure do love you!" In the Great Love Chapter (I Cor. 13) we are told how Christians in the church show their love for each other with patience and kindness; never jealous, nor conceited or proud, not ill-mannered, or seeking to have their own way, or irritable; never keeping a record of wrongs; nor happy with evil, but with the truth; never giving up, for faith, hope and love never fail.

It is good to pause once in a while, you and I, and ask, Can I say to others in my church family, every one, with no exception, "I sure do love you!", and I want to prove it by my actions? Then, and only then, can we really be happy and worthy of God's love.

Your Interim Minister

Maurice (Thompson)

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"Happiness has a habit of pursuing the person who feels grateful to his God, comfortable with his conscience, in favor with his friends, in love with his labors, and in balance with his banker."

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THANKS FOR BIBLE SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION!

(Note: The children in our Bible School Adventures this summer collected money each day to be given through Heifer Project International for bee hives in developing countries. We received this letter from the Midwest Director:)

Dear Bible School Students and Teachers:

Thank you for sharing your resources with those in need through Heifer Project International. Your gift will help provide food, income and new hope to one of our recipients and they, in turn, will help others by "passing on" the first offspring or its equivalent to someone else.

Your gift will help provide bees for needy families in places where the need is very great.

May God add his blessing to your gift that its effect may be multiplied and his children be fed.

Thank you for helping hungry families around the world produce food for themselves.

Heifer Project International
David Boothby,
Midwest Director

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
AUGUST 16-22, 1981

Bruce Grimm (16)
Lois Finkhousen (18)
Julia Bicknell (19)
Nancy Hendricks (20)

Arthur Mowery (21)
Judy Ford (22)
Laverne (Hunt)
Morrison (22)

PANTRY/FOOD BANK SERVES MANY

Some of you may have seen in recent weeks, news media reports of the heavy use of Food Banks in Fort Wayne this summer. This has been true in the Food Bank housed in and serviced by First Christian. Here at First Christian we serve persons in two ways. We are continuing our relationship with the Allen County Welfare Department through our PANTRY PROGRAM. In addition, we are one of 14 FOOD BANK locations in Fort Wayne working in connection with the Wayne Township Trustees.

Since April we have provided food through the PANTRY and FOOD BANK for a total of 71 adults and 95 children. For PANTRY clients we normally provide food for 3 days. For FOOD BANK clients we provide food for 5 days.

Our food supply is kept by donations from members and friends of food items and/or money. We also receive food from surrounding congregations who have agreed to be "sponsoring congregations" for us. We have even received food donations from nearby neighbors who want to help.

Your continued support is vital for this program to continue! Food may be left at the church anytime. Also, money donations and donations of filled bonus and super saver books!

ATTENTION MEN! You still have time to register for the Men's Retreat at Barbee September 18-20. Registration forms and information in church office

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WORSHIP REACHES PEOPLE

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

2:30 P.M. CYF meeting

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

7:00 P.M. Softball

GRANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

SOUP, POWDERED MILK, CANNED

FRUIT, TUNA, NOODLES

Since "no man is an island", true worship involves other people in a continuing relationship. To get to the crux in this area, Dr. Thompson will speak this Sunday on

"Why I Can Believe in People"

and will use II Corinthians 2:14-3:3 as the Biblical basis.

Joe Wiley will direct the service from the lectern. Virginia Johnson will be soloist, with Gerald Gilbert as organist.

ALL-CHURCH PLANNING RETREAT

North Christian Church
5200 Coldwater Rd.

SATURDAY,----- AUGUST 29th, ----- 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

WHO??? - All members of committees of the Board of Trustees, other Board members, Elders, Diaconate, and anyone interested in this church.

WHY??? - To plan those activities which will make our church GLOW and GROW and GO FORWARD in the next year!

YOU'RE NEEDED -- BE THERE!

SERVING AUGUST 23

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. William Franklin and
Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and
William Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Young-SW, M. Hut-
chinson-NW, M. Busse, J. Hend-
ricks

10:45 A.M. P. Mullen-SW, J. Stucky-
NW, H. Stevenson-SE, M. Callahan-NE,
L. York, B. Norman

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
Tony & Tim Evans

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
J. Glasgow, T. York, S. White

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Julia Hendricks & Val Taylor

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8:15 A.M. E. & G. Brown

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NURSERY WORKER

10:45 A.M. R. Hosfield

EXTENDED SESSION

John & Becky Glasgow

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW

323 - Mrs. Nellie Roe

529 - Mrs. Diane Johnson

LUTHERAN

M-201 - Mr. Gus Mueller

ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOSPITALIZED

Mrs. Diane Johnson, our Fin-
ancial Secretary and Assistant
Secretary, is a patient at Park-
view Hospital (Room 529). She
is having tests this week with
possible surgery. Let us rem-
ember her in our prayers.

VISITORS IN WORSHIP

(persons who were visitors
in our worship hours this
last Sunday were:)

Ann & Joey Closson, 2223 Drake
Jerry Blomeke, Auburn, Indiana
Lisa Hutchinson, Bloomington,
Indiana

Marion Wieser, Fort Wayne

ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO PREACH AT SATURN

Our Associate Pastor, Gary
Nunnally, will be the Guest
Preacher this Sunday, August
22, at the Saturn Christian
Church.

BOWLING LEAGUE TO BEGIN!

First Christian Church now
has a place for its bowling
league to play! We can be-
gin league play at Westwood
Lanes on September 18. We
would bowl every other Friday
evening at 9:00 P.M. We have
room for 10 teams or 40 people.
The cost would be \$4.00 per per-
son each bowling night. We need
to finalize this by this Sunday.
Call Sam Hayes (432-3015) or the
church office to reserve your
place!

IN A NUTSHELL

Dear God,
I have a problem!
It's me!

Dear Child,
I have an answer!
It's ME!

OUR "REACHING OUT"

Arthur Detamore, Christian Church Finance Council, says this in regard to our Outreach Giving since the first of the year:

"'Thank you' for reaching out to touch someone through outreach. That 'someone' whose life you touched and changed for the better may have been that little four year old girl I saw in India. The last of the physical signs of starvation were disappearing because she was now receiving a daily meal in the church related nutrition program. It may have been the young man in Mbandaka, Zaire who had lost a leg in an accident. He was to receive an artificial limb from one of the church related hospitals. Now he would be able to work again to support his family. Maybe it was the lad who, for the first time in his life, discovered people who loved him. They were the people at the Cleveland Christian Home for Children."

First Christian Church has given \$13,028 to missions, \$2,520 to the Week of Compassion, \$237 to Reconciliation, and \$494 to designated giving (This was our Capital giving which supplied a piece of equipment to the Woodhaven Learning Center and supplied part of the money for air-conditioning at the Inman Christian Center.)

The CWF has given \$1,323. Over all, this is an increase over last year! Great! Keep it up!

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DO YOU DARE TO REFUSE HER?

To say that I don't need the church is mere bravado. I needed it when my baby was born. I needed it when my father died. I needed it when we were married and I shall need it again sooner or later, and need it badly. I am in good health now and could, I suppose, get along for a time without a clergyman or a choir or even a prayer. But what sort of man (or woman) is he (or she) who scorns or neglects his (or her) best friend until the hour of his (or her) tribulations? If Sunday finds you ~~not~~ among those who are gathered to worship God, how will dare presume upon Him in time of stress and trouble? The church will never refuse to help you. She calls! Do you dare refuse her?

-- Copied from The Caller
Frankfort Christian Church

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

To refresh your memory the Search Committee includes: Judy Church, Mildred Hutchinson, Valeria Taylor, Jack Bickel, Merle Grimm, Bruce Lehman, Bert Leverssee, Chip Olson, George Bruckman, chairman, and Andy Cook as ex-officio.

We have had 26 meetings since our appointment, meeting at least once per week. We have reviewed approximately 70 applications; visited 8 locations, held 2 personal interviews, received and listened to 6 tape recordings and held 2 sessions with Regional Staff from Indianapolis.

The response of the congregation to our questionnaire, and the supporting comments from various members, has brought encouragement and reinforcement to our activities. We are dedicated and determined to find the "right" person to lead us and request your continued prayers and support. We realize other churches in the area have been fortunate in selecting a new pastor, but the leadership of Dr. Thompson allows us the opportunity to take the time to make the proper selection.

George Bruckman,
Chairman, Search Committee

CYF MEETING PLANNED

The CYF will have a meeting this Sunday evening at 5:30 P.M. at the church. I hope you will be there!

Tim Knuckles,
CYF President

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER - AUGUST 23-29

Mike Johnson (23)
Marie Redman (24)
Diane Morris (24)
Blanche Tucker (24)
"Mac" Olson (25)
Mary Higgins (26)
Deborah Clifton (26)
Nathan Love (26)
Mary Cook (28)
Nancy Smith (28)
Rocky Baugher (29)
Clarence Hendrickson (29)
Art Huddleston (29)

FOOD FOR THOUGHT. . . .

A family without God as Lord is like:

- a brick building without mortar
- a ship without a rudder
- a light bulb without electricity
- an automobile without gasoline
- a watch without a spring
- a garden without water
- a tree without roots
- a bird without wings
- a book without bindings
- a pen without ink.

But...a family with God as Lord
-looks to Him for every decision
-accepts what He says as true
-speaks with Him often
-feeds on His word together
-thanks Him for growth through tribulation
-demonstrates His love in action
-serves Him as part of His body
-submits to His chain of command
-gives to Him all that it own
-finds His Grace when it veers from the path.

MEN...Need a renewing experience in your life? Check out the upcoming Men's Retreat at Barbee September 18-20. We have details in the Church Office!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

TURSDAY, AUGUST 29

00 A.M. CYF to Lake James
00 A.M. Cars leave here for
ALL-CHURCH PLANNING RETREAT
30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. ALL-
CHURCH PLANNING RETREAT
NDAY, AUGUST 30

15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
30 A.M. Church School
30 P.M. Youth/Parents Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

00 A.M. Ruth Group, Reba
usselman, 6309 Bluffton Rd.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

30 A.M. Naomi Group, Grace
rubby, 440 Englewood Ct.

COUNTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

UNA, CANNED MEAT, SOUP, CANNED
FRUIT, CRACKERS, PEANUT BUTTER

CHRISTIANS par EXCELLENT

There is a quality, not always what we think it to be, which adds distinction and significance to the follower of Jesus. Using I Corinthians 4:1-5 as the basis, Dr. Thompson will preach on

"THE BEST THING ABOUT A CHRISTIAN"

Judi Hoagland will be the soloist, with Jerry Zimmerman back at the organ after a vacation. Rev. Nunnally will lead worship from the lectern.

Our Lord said, "I have called you friends." He will be waiting to meet you in worship this Sunday!



ALL-CHURCH PLANNING RETREAT - This Saturday - 9:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. in the facilities of North Christian Church, corner Coldwater and Camden. Those who want to pool rides should meet on our parking lot at 9:00 A.M. Lunch will be served there. Donations to cover cost will be taken on Saturday.

All committees, elders, diaconate, and Board of Trustee members are needed for this important day!

SERVING AUGUST 30

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and
Cecil Rice

10:45 A.M. J. Fred Smell and
Eugene Klepfer

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SW, J.
Briggs-NW, J. Franklin, C. Olson

10:45 A.M. J. Jump-SW, B. Wyant-
NW, E. Klepfer-SE, T. Harter-NE,
W. Bowen, R. Flickinger, S. Knuck-
les, K. Rogers

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Karen & Ronald Flickinger

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. G. Bruckman - J. Briggs

R. Church - K. Flickinger

M. Hartman - G. Falbe

J. Wiley - M. Callahan

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Marge & Bill Lehman

10:45 A.M. Pat & Bernie Norman

NURSERY WORKER

10:45 A.M. Shannon Jones

EXTENDED SESSION

John & Becky Glasgow

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Bill & Joan Franklin

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

M-214 - Mr. Arthur Mowery

M-201 - Mr. Gus Mueller

ST. JOSEPH:

225 - Mrs. Helen Sheerin

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Mrs. Gladys Harshbarger and
family in the death of her father
last week.

VISITORS IN WORSHIP:

(first-time visitors in wor-
ship last Sunday were:)

Mrs. M. Patbury, 1730 Legoma Dr.

Mrs. Florence Trader -

4401 Fairfield

Don, Kay, Jami, Jodi, & Joel

Cotton, Huntington

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED INTERFAITH LUNCHEON TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 21

The 18th Annual Interfaith
Luncheon, sponsored by Church
Women United, will be held this
year on September 21 at 12:00
noon at St. Jude Catholic Church,
2101 Pemberton Dr. This
event brings together women of
all faiths in fellowship and
good will.

The theme for this year is
"KNOWLEDGE LEADS TO ACTION."
The program will consist of pre-
sentations by DeLois McKinley,
Director of Metropolitan Human
Relations, Eli Skora, Director
of Fort Wayne's Jewish Feder-
ation and Father Thomas O'Conner
of St. Mary's Catholic Church
focusing on community issues
of Housing, Education, Subver-
sive Activities, Hunger and Hea-
lth.

Cost is \$4.50 each. The res-
ervations need to be in by Sep-
tember 11. Call Janet Weicker
(432-6469) or the church of-
fice for your reservations.

HAVE YOU TURNED IN YOUR PRAYER
COVENANT FOR RENEWAL CARD? DO
IT TODAY AND BRING IT TO CHUR-
CH WITH YOU SUNDAY OR MAIL IT
TO THE CHURCH OFFICE! JOIN IN
THIS COMMITMENT!

A MOMENT WITH MAURICE. . .

As the custodian said as he rang the bells louder and longer, "If they ain't comin' to church, they ain't sleeping either!" At First Christian Church the bells have now begun to ring so loud and long that no member or friend can rest in September -- Church Renewal Month!

A clarion call has been sounded to a Prayer Covenant for Renewal, and many are responding by returning their Covenant Cards to the church, as well as themselves. Last Sunday's increased attendance reflects this. It's time for everyone to get back to church!



This circular diagram is called a "ROUND TUIT." Perhaps you have heard of it, and may have one. Actually, it is a very handy item to have, able to be brought out at a moment's notice. In fact, it 'has already proven its value to countless folks in our church. All you have to do to become a member of the "Order of the Round Tuit" is to cut it out and pin it on your person. It is especially beneficial to those people who are always saying:

"One of these days when I get around to it, I'll join church."

"When I get around to it, I'll teach a Sunday School Class, or help with youth work."

"I'm even going to visit the sick at the hospitals, and the home-bound, when I get around to it."

"When I get around it it, I'm going to write a 'Thank you' to Mary and another to George."

"One of these days, when I get around it it, I'm going to have a 'spring house cleaning' in my heart, and get rid of those resentments I shouldn't be keeping there, things that others have said and done that hurt me, and offenses I have given them."

"Yes, when I get around to it, I'm going to go to church, and help make it a place of prayer, and goodwill and love."

Let's all wake up, get up, and get going! Covenant with me and your fellow members to pray for our church each day in September. We can make it a Great Church Renewal Month. The Charter Member of the procrastinating "Round Tuit" Club is the anonymous fellow somewhere in the Gospels who said to Jesus, "Lord, I will follow You, when I get around to it." And no one has heard from him since. I'll be looking for all of you in church this Sunday.

With much love, in Jesus' Spirit,

Maurice (Thompson)



JOLLY JESTERS for CHRIST

First Christian's clown troupe, the "Jolly Jesters for Christ" invites YOU to join an exciting and new type of ministry in the church. The Jolly Jesters for Christ are an ecumenical clown troupe which emphasizes hospital and nursing home visitation, other care center visitation, worship services and other church related programming. The clowns will be meeting on Monday, August 31, 1981 at 7:00 P.M. in the conference room at First Christian Church. If you are interested please come and join us or if you have any questions or are just curious call Rev. Gary Nunnally at 744-3239. Persons from other area Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) and other denominations are welcome and encouraged to come.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 5

Miriam Bixenman (30)

Barb Hayes (31)

Gene Shirley (31)

Mildred Jewell (1)

Mildred Sarrazin (1)

Ruby Johns (7)

Tom Penny (2)

Raymond Sarrazin (2)

Grace Truby (2)

Evelyn Yeoman (2)

Pauline Snyder (3)

Gloria Jean Phillips (4)

Mark Rayl (4)

Richard Skelton (4)

Kenneth Wheaton (4)

Diane Mory (4)

Nila Schilling (5)

YOU...TH NEWS

This Saturday, the CYF youth will be going to Lake James for a day of swimming and skiing. All CYF youth (9th-12th grades) are to be at the church parking lot no later than 7:45 A.M. because we will be leaving promptly at 8:00 A.M. All youth should bring a swim suit, towel, and a sack lunch. Don't miss a fun filled day at the lake and learn to ski!

YOUTH/PARENTS MEETING SUNDAY

This Sunday at 6:30 P.M. there will be a meeting of all youth in the church (grades 6-12) and their parents. The purpose of this meeting is to interpret youth programming for the coming year, and to introduce youth sponsors and teachers.

BOWLING LEAGUE HAS ROOM FOR MORE!

First Christian's newly formed bowling league is open for additional team members. We have room for couples and/or singles who will pair up as partners. Call Sam Hayes (432-3015) or the church office. We will bowl every other Friday night at 9:00 P.M. beginning September 18 at Westwood Lanes. Cost will be \$4.00 per person!

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FOR YOU THIS SUNDAY . . .

SERMON: "SOME CHANGES TO BE MADE" I Corinthians 15:50-57

J. Maurice Thompson

Music: Diane Mory as soloist, Jerry Zimmerman at the Organ

CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

2:30 P.M. Chi Rho

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Labor Day - Office Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:30 P.M. Martha Group

7:30 P.M. Deborah Group,

Nancy Wyant, 502 Corwin Ln.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:30 A.M. Rachel Group,

Library

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

COUNTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

CANNED MEAT, CRACKERS,

PEANUT BUTTER

DON'T MISS THIS. . .

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 at 12:00 noon
ALL-CHURCH PICNIC to be held in the
Pavilion at McMILLAN PARK. Bring
food and table service. Beverage
furnished. Fun for all ages!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 at 9:30 A.M.
CHURCH SCHOOL ASSEMBLY in Fellowship
Hall. Celebrate the Education-
al Ministry of First Christian. All
classes will join for this 30 minute
assembly. Children and youth will
be promoted to the next grade. Tea-
chers will be honored.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 at BOTH WORSHIP
HOURS - INSTALLATION OF THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES, THE BOARD OF ELDERS, AND
THE BOARD OF DIACONATE. THE CHANCEL
CHOIR WILL SING at the 10:45 A.M.
Hour.

SERVING SEPTEMBER 6
ELDERS

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and
Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. William Johnson and
Barbara Short

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Young-SW, B. Briggs-
NW, J. Briggs, M. Hutchinson

10:45 A.M. J. Hudlow-SW, L. York-
NW, L. Finkhousen-NE, M. Finkhousen,
N. Lucas, R. Flickinger, J. Bickel

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Karen & Ronald Flickinger

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Betty Harter and Dorothy
Schmidt

10:45 A.M. Sandy & Eric Zimmerman

NURSERY WORKER

10:45 A.M. N. Lucas

COFFEE HOUR HOST

Robin Hosfield & Rosemary Krull

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

465 - Mrs. Marie Sefton

579 - Mrs. Maude Donohue

M-214 - Mr. Arthur Mowery

Mr. Gus Mueller was scheduled
for dismissal on 9/1.

ST. JOSEPH'S:

225 - Mrs. Helen Sheerin

VISITORS IN WORSHIP (8/31)

*Jerriann Heiser, Fort Wayne Bible
College*

*Norma Burgess, Lillian & Kenower
Hughes, Huntington*

*Edna & Richard Nichols, Hobart,
Indiana*

D.M.A. PLANNING SECIAL ACTIVITY
ON SEPTEMBER 22

The DMA is planning a trip to
Berne, Indiana on September 22.
The group will leave at 12:00
noon from our parking lot. We
will travel by car to Berne and
eat at the Palmer House in 12:45
At 2:30 we are scheduled to tour
the Memnonite Church in Berne
and learn of that church's back-
ground and beliefs. Sign up now
by calling the church office!
Invite your friends!

OPPORTUNITIES...OPPORTUNITIES...
OPPORTUNITIES...OPPORTUNITIES...

-- THE CHANCEL CHOIR - The Chan-
cel Choir will sing for the
first time this season on Sunday
September 13. The first rehear-
sal is September 9. The Choir
is an excellent way to serve the
church and enjoy singing and the
fellowship in the Chancel Choir!

-- DINNERS OF 8 - Next Sunday
and September 13, we will have
opportunity to sign-up for the
Dinners of 8 program (Dinners
will be scheduled in October-
November and March-April). If
you miss the sign-up sheet, call
the church office!

-- COFFEE HOUR HOSTING - If we
all took a turn, we'd only serve
once a year! Sharing in the
Fellowship Coffee Hour is such
an enjoyable time--but hosts are
needed. Call Sandy Zimmerman,
(744-5698) to volunteer for a
Sunday!

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"Happy Anniversary!" How my heart was warmed and my spirit thrilled last Sunday when the congregation rose to sing greetings to me on the 50th anniversary of my ordination to the Christian ministry. As I have lived over the great day in my home church at Clayton, Indiana, and captured again the joy of a half century given to the Church, I can only say, "I would do it again!" You, along with the other churches I have served, have given me nothing less than the joys of your love! Thank you, and the Lord bless you!

The Program Planning Retreat last Saturday was a fine event! Each of the committees of the Board of Trustees having to do with program, made some challenging, interesting plans. The secret of a going church is: "Plan your work, and then work your plan!" Together, we'll do it!

The Covenant of Prayer for Church Renewal is receiving good response. If you have not returned the Covenant Card indicating your participation, please do so by mail or next Sunday.

Greetings of Peace and Love,

Maurice

GOLDEN JUBILEE TEA

The Christian Women's Fellowship is sponsoring a Golden Jubilee Tea on Sunday afternoon, September 27 from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. The tea is especially planned to honor all persons who have been members of First Christian Church for 50 years or more. Everyone is invited and urged to attend! There will be a special program of music, and refreshments will be served. What an opportunity to get acquainted with our members of such long standing! This will also be an opportunity to learn about a very special project planned for this fall: to refurbish our church parlor.

Those persons whose names we have gathered from a perusal of our church records who have been members for 50 years or more are: Ethel Kirkhold, Marvel Brickley, Arlynn Call, Arthur Chevalier, Virginia Clau-
sen, Robert and Esther Clipp, Lois Coleman, Anita Fitch, Dorothy Green,
Earl and Reba Fusselman, Mildred Hogg, Lorea Kuhlman, Iva Imbody, Glenn
and Lola Miller, Ruth Norton, Florence Palmer, Opal Perkins, Ethel Rich-
art, Eva Rousseau, Wayne Rousseau, Mildred Sarrazin, Bueford Tharp,
Lanthe Tucker, Willis VanAlstine, Edith Varner, Edna Vaught, Esther
Whitton, and Roxy Wunderlich. Are there others? If so, please call
the church office.

YOUTH NEWS

THE FIRST PARENTS-YOUTH MEETING FOR FALL 1981 was held last Sunday evening and 35 youth and adults attended. Some of the items discussed were: 1) new school year activities for youth 2) both youth groups (Chi Rho and CYF) will bring a sack supper and have a meal together when having meeting at the church 3) because this year's Chi Rho group is small, they will be joining the CYF for some of their activities (fund raising, projects, special events, outings, meals, trips, and game events.)

NEW YOUTH CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR 1981-82

This year the youth department of First Christian has available to all Chi Rho and CYF youth a new calendar and directory. The directory includes both members and friends of the church. A calendar of activities is also included. (Please omit the Chi Rho calendar as many of the activities of the CYF will include the Chi Rho group.) Directories may be picked up at the church office or by contacting Gary Nunnally.

THANKS FOR GREAT DAY AT LAKE JAMES!

14 youth and adults had a great day at Lake James, skiing, swimming, eating and in general enjoying the day! We want to thank Steve & Debbie White for sponsoring the event and for Tom and Sue Knuckles who loaned their boat and participated!

CHI RHO & CYF CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES GAIN NEW LEADERSHIP

Beginning September 13, the Chi Rho class will be welcoming Mrs. Debbie White as its teacher. Debbie and her husband, Steve, were CYF sponsors and we appreciate their help with this group!

The CYF will gain two new teachers too--Mike and Pat Mullen. Mike and Pat have been teaching the Chi Rho class for 3 years and we not only appreciate these years but look forward to exciting plans for the CYF Class.

CHI RHO GROUP TO START AGAIN SEPTEMBER 6

The Chi Rho Fellowship (for those in grades 6, 7, & 8) will meet this Sunday at 5:30 P.M. Let's get reacquainted! Come for fun, fellowship and worship.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER SEPTEMBER 6-12, 1981

Mike Gardner (6)
Gary York (6)
Pat Norman (7)
Nellie Roe (7)
Marilyn Rayl (8)
Doretha Baker (8)
Kris Ohneck (9)
Val Williams (10)
Richard Penny (11)
Barbara Short (11)
Robert Chevalier (12)
Barb Finkhausen (12)
Nancy Geiselman (12)
Deann Halbrook (12)
Margo Parlette (12)
Ruth Plummer (12)
Sandy Zimmerman (12)

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FELLOWSHIP AND WORSHIP EVENTS HIGHLIGHT WEEKEND IN THE LIFE OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

The ALL-CHURCH PICNIC will begin Saturday, September 12 at 12:00 noon in the Pavilion at McMillan Park. Bring covered dishes and your table service. The beverage will be provided. There will be games and activities for all ages. There will also be time to visit and get acquainted with your church family.

CHURCH SCHOOL CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

This Sunday, September 13, is Promotion Sunday for the Church School. Beginning at 9:35 A.M. all classes (children, youth and adult) will assemble in Fellowship Hall for a Celebration Assembly! Persons should go to their classrooms first for taking of attendance (children should go to old classes for this time). During the Assembly, children and youth will be promoted to their new classes. Children going into the fourth grade will receive Bibles from the church. All teachers will be recognized for their contribution to the educational ministry of the church. New teachers will be introduced.

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH LEADERS IN BOTH WORSHIP HOURS

All church leaders, whether newly elected or continuing in office will be installed in both worship hours this Sunday, September 13. Names of these persons are listed on pages 3 and 4 of this issue of the TIDINGS. The CHANCEL CHOIR will begin their season of music ministry in the 10:45 A.M. Worship Hour. Ann Hayes returns as Director of Music and Jerry Zimmerman will be at the Organ. Dr. Thompson's Sermon in both hours will be: "WHEN LAYMEN ARE FAITHFUL." The Scripture text is Acts 6:1-8.

SERVING SEPTEMBER 13

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. William Franklin and
Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Barbara Short and
Ben Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Franklin-SW, P.
Yentes-NW, C. Olson, J. Hendricks

10:45 A.M. M. Callahan-SW, V. Tay-
lor-NW, M. Mullen-SE, B. Norman-NE,
E. Klepfer, K. Flickinger, G. Hos-
field, T. Harter

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
E. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
B. Kerley

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Susan Knuckles & Nena Lucas

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M.

M. Hartman - S. Knuckles

Jt. Weicker - N. Lucas

- C. Olson

G. Klepfer - M. Finkhousen

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Earl & Rebs Fusselman

10:45 A.M. Jim & Bev Hudlow

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Doug and Karen Rogers

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

M-214 Mr. Arthur Mowery

CONGRATULATIONS!

Tom Rayl was recently elected
the 67th president of the Fort
Wayne Board of Realtors. We are
proud of you.

DINNERS OF 8 SIGN UP IS GOING ON
NOW! SIGN UP BY CALLING THE OF-
FICE OR SIGNING THE SHEET IN
WORSHIP ON SUNDAY!

VISITORS IN WORSHIP

(first-time visitors this Sun-
day were:)

Arlene Wiedenholft, Columbia
City

Alice Smith, 615 N. Camden Dr.

Blanche Lehman, Southtown

Square Apts. Bldg B, Apt. 209A

Mr. & Mrs. Ken Striker, 831 Mil-
ton

James & Cindy Lake, 122 E.

Branning

STUDY GROUP OPEN TO NEW MEMBERS

The Study Group that meets
in the church building every
other Monday morning at 10:00
A.M. is open for new members!
The first meeting for the
fall will be this Monday at
10:00. For current members
please read chapter 15 in
preparation. Books will be
available for any new mem-
bers.

THANK YOU

to all of the good people
who came to see me while I
was in the hospital to visit
and say a prayer for me God
Bless them All. I'll not
mention names because there
were so many.

God bless them all and
many thanks again.

August Mueller

THE CHANCEL CHOIR NEEDS YOU...
AND YOU...AND YOU...AND YOU...

The Chancel Choir begins
its season this Thursday, Sep-
tember 9 with its first re-
hersal. There is a place for
you! Give this group a try!
Excellent music, good fellow-
ship. Thursday at 7:30 P.M.

CHURCH LEADERS TO BE INSTALLED

A special service of installation for the newly elected church leaders, as well as an affirmation of those continuing in office will be conducted in both worship hours this Sunday. As the names of all listed below are read, they will come forward to receive the Hand of Fellowship, the Hand of Responsibility, and give the Hand of Acceptance. Please be present whether a leader to be recognized or as a member of the congregation.

THE NEWLY ELECTED

OFFICERS OF CONGREGATION AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Karen Flickinger, Secretary; Michael Callahan, Treasurer; Randall Lewis, Memorial Funds Treasurer

REPRESENTATIVES TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Miriam Bixenman, Elder; Ennis Brown, Elder; Jack Bickel, Deacon; Ronald Flickinger, Deacon; Mildred Hutchinson, Deaconess; Susan Knuckles, Deaconess; Earl Plummer, Congregation-at-Large, Jerry Zimmerman, Congregation-at-Large.

CHAIRPERSONS OF COMMITTEES

Bill Franklin, Stewardship/Finance; George Bruckman, Worship & Pastoral Relations; William Kerley, Membership; Robert Johnson, Property; Mildred Hartman, Board of Elders; Betty Briggs, Board of Diaconate (unexpired term)

BOARD OF ELDERS

Ennis Brown, Judy Church, Robert Rayl, Jack Weicker

BOARD OF DIACONATE

Betty Briggs, Lois Finkhousen, Max Finkhousen, George Hosfield, Jim Hudlow, Karen Rogers, Phyllis Tobias, Bill Wyant

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS and HELPERS

Rosemary Krull (substitute, Nursery II); Randall & Lori Lewis (co-teachers, Kindergarten-1st Grade); Bernie & Pat Norman (teachers, 4th & 5th Grade); Debbie White (teacher, Chi Rho); Mike & Pat Mullen (teachers, CYF); Sharon Pauley, Extended Session Director

THE CONTINUING

OFFICERS OF CONGREGATION AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Andrew C. Cook, Moderator; Ralph Church, Vice-Moderator

REPRESENTATIVES TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Sam Hayes, Elder; William Johnson, Elder; Chip Olson, Deacon; Val Taylor, Deaconess; Nena Lucas, Deaconess; Barbara Finkhousen, Congregation-at-Large; Genevieve Ripple, Congregation-at-Large.

CHAIRPERSONS OF COMMITTEES (see reverse side of this page)

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS (continuing)

Barbara Short, Education; Judy Church, Evangelism; Barbara Johnson, Lay Personnel; Pam Bickel, Outreach & Service; Laura York, Co-Chairwoman Board of Diaconate

BOARD OF ELDERS

George Bruckman, Barbara Short, Joe Wiley, William Franklin, Mildred Hartman, Charles Ludwig, Mark Snyder, Ralph Church, William Johnson, Ben Taylor, Dean Widler, Miriam Bixenman, Sam Hayes, Glenn Miller, Janet Weicker,

ELDERS EMERITUS

Robert Clipp, William Caldwell, William Crouse, Eugene Klepfer, Cecil Rice, J. Fred Smell

BOARD OF DIACONATE

Walter Bowen, Steve Grimm, Delores Keebortz*, Mike Mullen, Bernie Norman*, Tim Sauerwein, Homer Stevenson, Paul Yentes, Mel Busse, Ken Crawford, Dan Church, Mildred Hutchinson, Jim Jump, Pat Mullen, Jefferson Young, Laura York, Jack Bickel, Ronald Flickinger, Joan Franklin, Tom Harter, Eileen Klepfer*, Jim Stucky, Val Taylor, John Briggs, Mike Callahan, Gary Falbe, Karen Flickinger, Julia Hendricks, Susan Knuckles, Nena Lucas, Chip Olson.

* Indicates filling unexpired term

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS and HELPERS

Margaret Snouffer, Nursery II; Betty Grimm, Nursery III; Leesa Jump, Kindergarten-1st Grade;

ADULT CLASSES: YES Group, Bill Franklin
CUC Class, (to be named)
Chrysliss Class, Judy Church
Gospel Seekers, Eunice Conrad
Harmony Class, Jack Weicker, Ralph Church and George Davis
Come Double, Miriam Bixenman and Edna Vaught
Berean Class, Jack Williams
Progressive Class, Rolland Ripple
Bible Study, George Bruckman

YOUTH COUNSELORS

Chip & Becca Olson, CYF

EVANGELISM CALLING EVERY WEEK

The Evangelism Committee will be calling on visitors and prospective members September 14. Every week the calling night will be announded in the TIDINGS and also the number of calls made the previous week. The committee has accepted the challenge of "Each One Train One." Ennis and Gini Brown, Judy and Ralph Church, Betty Grimm, Tom Harter, Eileen Klepfer, Marge Lehman, Pat Mullen, Earl Plummer, and Laura Sauerwein invite you to go calling with them. You do not have to go every week. You do not have to be a member of the committee. You must be enthusiastic about Christ and His church and eager to invite others to become a part of First Christian Church. If you want to participate in one of the Calling Nights, please contact the church office or Judy Church (447-5691).

FALL RETREAT FOR WOMEN IN HUNTINGTON, SEPTEMBER 29

Women, don't overlook this excellent opportunity so close at hand! The theme of the one-day retreat is: "The Shapes of Peace - Putting the 'Peaces' Together". The purpose will be to learn that as Christians we are peacemakers and to learn to seek ways to make peace alive in our lives and in the world. Virginia Liggett of Indianapolis will be Theologizer. Time is 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Cost is only \$6.00. Make reservations with Judy Church. Let's have several carloads going that day!

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DMA SPECIAL ACTIVITY TO BERNE THIS MONTH!

On Tuesday, September 22, the traveling DMA group will be heading south to Berne. The DMA, a group especially for those "special" people who are retired or past age 60, plans many activities during the year. This is one in the series of finding out more about different faiths and branches of Christianity.

The group will meet at the church at 12:00 noon, leaving by car for Berne. They will eat lunch at Palmer House. Following lunch, the group will be given a tour of the First Mennonite Church in Berne and that faith will be explained. The group will return to Fort Wayne in late afternoon. To make reservations, call Gwynth Rice (747-2662) or the church office.

SPECIAL PEOPLE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS!

"I'll bet you knew that First Christian Church, Fort Wayne, was just chock-full of special people! But did you realize that we have some extra special people who have been members here for 50 years or more?! The CWF is holding a special Golden Jubilee Tea on Sunday afternoon, September 27 from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. so that we can all get acquainted with these extra special members. Come celebrate and honor them with your presence!

Pat Mullen,
CWF Vice-President.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

12:00 Noon - ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

(See page 1 for details)

5:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

10:00 A.M. Study Group

12:00 Noon Rebecca Group,

Dinner Bell Resturant with
meeting at church following

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild,

Ethel Shroyer, 4821 Tacoma

7:30 P.M. Worship Committee

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:00 P.M. Bowling League,

Westwood Lanes

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, CRACKERS,

CANNED FRUIT, TUNA

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

SEPTEMBER 13-19, 1981

Edith Varner (13)

Earl Stearns (13)

Marvel Brickley (14)

Edna Nordblom (14)

Almeda Rice (14)

Bruce Lehman (16)

Elna Taylor (16)

Tom Asbury (17)

Debbie White (17)

Winnie May Ferguson (17)

Dan Flickinger (17)

John Freed (18)

Robert Rayl (18)

Ruth Eiler (19)

Virginia Johnson (19)

Mary Novachcoff (19)

YOUTH NEWS

NEW YOUTH STUDY TO BEGIN IN CYF SEPTEMBER 13

Sunday, September 13, the CYF yout group will begin a new and intersting Serendipity Study. Come, join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, study and worship. See you there at our regular time of 5:30 P.M.!

THE CHI RHO FELLOWSHIP WILL ALSO MEET AT 5:30 P.M. ON SUNDAY EVENING.

YOUTH PAPER DRIVE

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JUNIOR CHOIR BEGINS THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, September 13, will be the first rehearsal of the Junior Choir for this school year. Junior Choir meets immediately following the Sermonette in the 10:45 A.M. Worship Hour. At this time, Junior Choir is made up of children in grades 2-5. Shirley Callahan is the Director.

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THE NEXT MOVE IS

Saturday, September 19, 1981

00 P.M. -- Boards of Trustees, Elders and Diaconate assemble in the parlor to meet the proposed Candidate and his wife for our new Senior Pastor. Time will be given opportunity for sharing of information, concerns and dreams, as the basis for a wise decision later. All board members are urged to come.

00 P.M. -- All-Church Dinner in Fellowship Hall for everyone to meet the guest candidate and his spouse, and have opportunity to visit with them. Come, be a part of a great church family!

30 P.M. -- Special Congregational Meeting for the formal and mutual consideration between Candidate and Church, and the balloting upon the extension of a Call. All members, and our friends, should by all means be present!

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP for NEXT SUNDAY

8:15 and 10:45 A.M.

sermon: "Keeping the Church Right" by Dr. J. Maurice Thompson, Interim Senior Pastor. Read Ephesians 5:21-27.

eat Choral Music: Soloist and the Chancel Choir.

Sunday is the Lord's Day! Meet Him in His Church!

SERVING SEPTEMBER 20

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Janet Weicker and
Ennis Brown

10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and
Bill Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Busse-SW, M. Hutch-
inson-NW, D. Keebortz, J. Briggs

10:45 A.M. S. Knuckles-SW, J. Jump-
NW, H. Stevenson-SE, J. Hudlow-NE,
W. Bowen, K. Rogers, L. Finkhousen,
P. Mullen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith
T. Briggs

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
G. Hosfield, J. Hudlow, S. Johnson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Susan Knuckles and Nena Lucas

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Ralph and Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Marilyn Byers and Family

COFFEE HOUR HOST

Max and Lois Finkhousen

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

M-214 Mr. Arthur Mowery

575 Mrs. Mamie Caldwell

626 Mr. Clover Branstrator

VISITORS IN WORSHIP (9-13)

Alan & Lynn Ruger, Santiago, Chile

Joann Kikly, 125 Molly Ave., Florida

M. W. Hollingworth, Arizona

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Harter

Mrs. Marjorie Cox, 112 Medusa Ct.,

Syracuse, Indiana

Mr. Andy Banet, 1317 Spring St.

Miss Angie Banet, 1317 Spring St.

Miss Amy Banet, 1317 Spring St.

OUR CHRISTIAN CONCERN

encircles our Church Secre-
tary, Barbara Short, and her
family in the sudden passing
of her father, Henry Schroeder,
in Oklahoma City last Sunday
morning. The memorial service
is set for Tuesday. Our love
and prayers rise in their sup-
port.

DMA TO BERNE NEXT WEEK

On Tuesday, September 22,
the DMA Group will leave our
church at 12:00 Noon for lunch
at the Palmer House in Berne,
and an afternoon visit of First
Mennonite Church. Many have
made their reservations. You
may join in this tour by call-
ing Gwynth Rice (747-2662) or
the Church Office. It'll be
good!

MEL BUSSE RESIGNS

as Director of our Bell
Choir, and has accepted the
position of Director of Music
at St. Luke's Lutheran Church.
His service to us was deeply
appreciated, and we wish him
well in this new ministry.

MORE SINGERS NEEDED

to insure that this church
will have a Chancel Choir dur-
ing this next year of which we
can be proud. Fortunately,
Ann Hayes is returning as Dir-
ector of Music. Come to re-
hearsal on Thursday night at
7:30 P.M. -- you'll enjoy it
and the ministry of music at
First Christian Church will be
benefited!

SPLINTERS from BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Although copies of the minutes of the September 8 meeting of the Board of Trustees will be available next week, these actions were voted:

1. The procedures of the Search Committee were reported, with their unanimous recommendation of a thoroughly investigated candidate for Senior Pastor to be considered by the Board, and then by the congregation at the special meeting on Saturday, September 19. Voted: Yes-27; No-2.

2. The board gave directions and authorization for the Search Committee to finalize negotiations with the Senior Pastor Candidate.

3. The resignation of Dean Widler as an Elder was accepted with regrets.

4. The resignation of Mel Busse as Director of the Youth Bell Choir was accepted also with regrets.

5. Unanimous endorsement and support of Karen Flickinger was voted as she makes application to be licensed as a Lay Minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Pastoral Care. For some time she has been one of our Licensed Hospital Callers, and has had special Clinical Pastoral Education for a year at Parkview Memorial Hospital here.

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EXTENDED SESSION PARENTS MEETING

Their will be a meeting for ALL PARENTS of Nursery II, Nursery III, and Kindergarten-First Grade children in the Conference room at 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday, September 23. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING! Mrs. Sharon Pauley, our Extended Session Director will be discussing our NEW PROGRAM for this area.

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The Reach of a Child

Such wonder, Such joy,
The reach of a child.
I smile, all big and red, as
He looks in wonder.
He spies the balloon
And looks over at the painted face.
I nod--and begin to blow--
His eyes glow as does
His smile.
He reaches out.
Not only for the fragile object,
But to touch--
He is unafraid.
No longer a child,
I wonder
What happens to prevent
Reaching out
Touching
Showing our curiosity
For life.
Why must I paint
The face of a clown
To reach?

--Jo Ellen Hunte

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

6:00 P.M. All-Church Dinner

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

12:00 NOON CYF Bake Sale

5:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

7:30 P.M. Education Committee

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

12:00 NOON DMA leave for Berne

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

6:30 P.M. Starshine

7:30 P.M. Refugee Committee

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

7:30 P.M. Stewardship Committee

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

**Evangelism calling will be

Monday, September 21, 1981

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER SEPTEMBER 20-26, 1981

Rosalie Hall (20)
Klark Kerley (20)
Ellen Crowder (21)
Ruth Norton (21)
Nena Lucas (21)
Bert Leversee (22)
Terry Roseberry (22)
Michele Coleman (22)
Emily Jo Walton (23)
Robert Petty (24)
Jennie Harter (25)
Sandra Kay Ferrell (25)
Virginia Parker (26)

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS
POWDERED MILK, CANNED FRUIT,
CRACKERS, CANNED MEAT, TUNA

YOU...TH NEWS

CYF SERENDIPTY STUDY TO BEGIN

This Sunday, September 20 the CYF will begin a NEW Serendipity Study entitled "SELF PROFILE" The Me Nobody Knows. This is going to be a fun and interesting study, maybe even enlightening to some youth, come join us.

NEW STUDY FOR CHI RHO

Also this Sunday, Chi Rho will also begin a New Study entitled "Learning The Basics" a study on Conversion, Growth, Warfare, Resources, Problems, and Heaven. Come join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, worship, and study.

BAKESALE THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, September 20 both youth groups, Chi Rho and CYF, are having a joint Bake-sale.

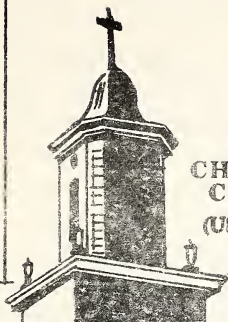
Delicious cakes, pies, cookies and sweets of all kinds will be available for purchase. They will be perfect for desert after your Sunday lunch or supper, or refrigerate them for later!

The Bakesale will be in the Fellowship Hall during the coffee hour (12:00 Noon) after the second worship service. So H-U-R-R-Y O-N O-V-E-R to the Bakesale Table Sunday morning before everything is purchased!

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G_O_L_D_E_N J_U_B_I_L_E_E T_E_A

WHEN?? This Sunday afternoon, September 27, 1981 from 3:00 to 5:00.

WHERE??? Fellowship Hall, First Christian Church

WHY??? For the best reason! To honor and thank those persons who have been members of First Christian, Fort Wayne, for 50 years or more.

WHO SHOULD COME?? The entire church family! There will be refreshments, a brief program of special music and lots of time to visit and get better acquainted with the special people who have helped First Christian be the marvelous church it is today. Join this joyous occasion.

"PREPARING for GREAT ENCOUNTERS"

Dr. J. Maurice Thompson
Interim Senior Minister

For Preparation, Read I Samuel 17
Be Uplifted by Grand Music

Two Worship Hours

8:15 and 10:45 A.M.

Church School at 9:30 A.M.

Join the Crowds

Come to Church!!

SERVING SEPTEMBER 27

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and
Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Judy Church and
Joe Wiley

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Young-SW, B. Briggs-
NW, P. Yentes, J. Franklin

10:45 A.M. K. Crawford-SE, J. Bick-
el-NW, J. Stucky-SE, E. Klepfer,

B. Wyant, S. Grimm, G. Falbe

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
J. Glasgow, T. York

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. G. & V. Bruckman

10:45 A.M. B. & S. Kerley

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. E. Brown - D. Keebortz

S. Hayes - J. Franklin

Wm. Johnson - R. Flickinger

C. Rice - T. Harter

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Bill Wyant & Pat Mullen

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

316 - Lois Bressler

M-214 - Mr. Arthur Mowery

576 - Mrs. Susan Creager

OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE

reaches out to the family of Diane Johnson, our Financial Secretary, and Assistant Church Secretary, in the recent critical illness and passing of her mother-in-law. Memorial services were held last week. Our concern and prayers are given in support.

BOARD OF ELDERS

which normally would meet on Tuesday, September 29, will meet at a later date to be announced shortly. All elders will please be ready to respond.

EVANGELISM CALLING NIGHT

September 28

(Monday)

4 calls were made last week

THANK YOU NOTES:

"I thank all that visited me in the hospital, Dr. Thompson, Rev. Gary Nunnally and Janet Weicker. Also those in the Progressive Class for their cards and concern."

Maude Donahue

"Even though miles separated us from our 'church family' during the time following my father's death, we felt your love and concern surround us. The cards we have received mean so much because they represent your feelings and they help so much. My mother joins us in expressing our appreciation for the beautiful plant sent from the congregation and staff."

Barbara, Don, Ryan
and Mary Short

We rejoice with Bette Gerrard in the news that doctors do not feel a pacemaker is needed at this time.

"FOOD FOR A LIFETIME"

"Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach him to fish and you can feed him for a lifetime."

This ancient American Indian proverb reminds us of the reason for our Reconciliation Offering. Projects supported by Reconciliation self-help and enabling programs which work at the roots of problems in the areas of race and poverty.

This year's theme is "Partnership in Hope" -- we are partners with God in reconciling people to Him and to each other.

Our goal for the 1981 Reconciliation Offering at First Christian is \$550. We ask your prayerful support as our Reconciliation Emphasis ~~begins this~~ Sunday, September 27 and continues thru the next Sunday, October 4th.

Thank you!

Your Outreach & Service
Committee

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 3

Paul Dunham (28)
Ellyn Kreischer (28)
John Briggs (29)
Doris Sauerwein (29)
Ralph Richards (29)
Gerry Hendrickson (1)
Ruby Pomeroy (1)
Jim Stucky (1)
Marjorie Copeland (1)
Fred Grier (1)
Don Short (2)
Anna Taylor (2)
Bruce Stone (3)
Becky Stucky (3)

OUTREACH GIVING ON INCREASE

Good news from Basic Mission Finance of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is that the average increase in giving of all congregations for the first eight months of this year is 8.09%.

A look at our church shows an over-all increase in Outreach giving of 3.83%. Biggest increase was in Reconciliation of ~~236.54%~~ while last spring's Week of Compassion offering dropped ~~21.43%~~.

FCC has given a total of \$18,251.96 so far this year, of which \$11,500 came from regular offerings and \$1,322.96 from CWF.

The Lord blesses the church that prospers His Work! May we exceed our best in the remaining months!

~~THE CHANCEL CHOIR HAS A PLACE FOR YOU!~~

Wasn't the choir wonderful Sunday! It was so good to see the group growing! The Choir has a place for you too! Our Chancel Choir provides one of the most important ministries in the life of the congregation through music in worship. You could be a part of this ministry. The Chancel Choir rehearses each Thursday evening at 7:30 P.M. Not only is music prepared for each Sunday morning, but special music for seasons of the church year is rehearsed well in advance. You are always welcome in the Chancel Choir!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT . . . "A confidential question -- Was there someone in church last Sunday morning because you asked them to come?"

CHURCH CALENDAR

YOU...TH NEWS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
 9:30 A.M. Church School
 10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Golden Jubilee Tea (see page 1)

5:30 P.M. CYF and Chi Rho

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

10:00 A.M. Study Group
 7:00 P.M. Clown Practice

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

7:30 P.M. Lay Personnel
 Committee

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group,
 Almeda Rice, 3402 River
 Forest

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

STAMPS STILL BEING USED

We have discovered that cancelled postage stamps can still be used. Our denomination is not doing this because of the cost involved. However, we have discovered that an association of churches in Wells County is processing and selling them for mission work.

Bette Gerrard, who has processed our stamps for some time is still willing to go this, so you may still drop off your cancelled postage stamps in the box outside Fellowship Hall. Again, please leave at least $\frac{1}{4}$ inch border of paper around the edge of the stamp.

*"God works in and through and
 for people at the same time."*

*"Do now what thou wouldst do
then"*

LAST WEEK...both Chi Rho and CYF meet together and discussed the possibility of temporarily combining both groups. The decision was made to continue both groups as they are.

YOUTH SERENDIPITY STUDIES TO BEGIN

Due to the length of youth business meeting last week both groups, Chi Rho and CYF, will begin their own study this Sunday, September 27, at 5:30 P.M.

The CYF will begin a NEW Study entitled, "SELF-PROFILE - THE ME NOBODY KNOWS" and the Chi Rho will begin a new study entitled "LEARNING THE BASICS", a study on Conversion, Growth, Warfare, Resources, Problems, and Heaven. Both studies are very interesting and enlightening so some join us for an evening of fun, games, fellowship, worship, and study.

THANK YOU

Both groups, Chi Rho and CYF, would like to thank all the people who helped to make last weeks Bakesale a big success by either donating money or making desserts. The youth make a little over \$45.00

*"Remember the week day, and
 keep it holy too."*

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

1:00 P.M. Baby Shower

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

6:30 P.M. Fireside Group,

Ralph & Judy Church, 5126 Werling

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

9:00 A.M. Ruth Group, Ruby

Johns, 1635 Spring St.

7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:30 A.M. Rachel Group,

Church Library

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

CANNED MEAT, PEANUT BUTTER,

NOODLES, CRACKERS

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY and RECONCILIATION OFFERING

On the first Sunday of October perhaps more Christians gather at the Lord's Table than any other. It reaches around the world, with Protestants, Catholics and Orthodox spiritually expressing the ecumenical oneness in our Lord. It is a day when all Christians come to remember the crucified Jesus, and those unable are visited at home.

"Friend, Why Are You Here?" is the sermon for both worship services by Dr. Thompson, with Matthew 26 as the suggested chapter for reading. Rev. Nunnally will be at the Lectern.

"Let Us Break Bread Together" will be sung by the Chancel Choir, directed by Ann Hayes, in the second service, with Sara Davis as soloist for the first hour.

The Reconciliation Offering, one of six special outreach offerings during the year, will be received. The Church School offering and those in the envelopes will bring a healing ministry to hurting people, especially in our cities and of another race. Half of the money received will be used in Indiana, a part right here in Fort Wayne.

Let us rejoice in the bonds of oneness in our Lord, celebrated at the Table of Sacred Remembrance!

SERVING OCTOBER 4

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. William Franklin and
Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Eugene Klepfer and
Ben Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Hendricks-SW, C.

Olson-NW, M. Busse, M. Hutchinson

10:45 A.M. V. Taylor-SW, M. Mul-

len-NW, L. York-SE, M. Callahan-

NE, B. Norman, R. Flickinger, M.

Finkhousen, W. Bowen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson

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EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - Opal Carper

NUR. III - Leesa Jump

K-1 - Sharon Pauley

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Bill & Nancy Wyant

FORMER PASTOR'S WIFE PASSES

Jeannette H. Beck, wife of Robert Beck who was minister of this church during the transition from downtown to the present location, passed away Sunday morning. Memorial services were held in North Christian Church Tuesday afternoon. Our love and concern has been expressed to the family which includes Mrs. George (Martha) Weatherford, her daughter, and her husband and their daughters, Jenny and Betsy.

OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Bill Lehman and family in the death this week of his aunt. Gary Nunnally conducted Memorial Services on Monday.

GOLDEN JUBILEE TEA A SUCCESS!

Some 130 persons attended this event last Sunday! 21 of the 3 persons who have been members for 50 years or more were here. These included: Ethel Birkhold, Marvel Brickley, Robert & Esthe Clipp, Lois Coleman, Anita Fitch Reba & Earl Fusselman, Mildred Hogg, Iva Imbody, Lorea Kuhlman Glenn & Lola Miller, Florence Palmer, Eva Rousseau, Wayne Rousseau, Willis Van Alstine, Edie Varner, Edna Vaught, Esther Whitton, and Roxy Wunderlich.

We wish to thank Betty Grimm Elinor Place, and their committee who worked on the Tea arrangements, Marilyn Rayl who arranged the program, Becca Olson and V. Parlette, program participants Linda Wiley, who made the name tags, and all who donated cookies and candy for the Tea.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A SHOWER!

Sunday afternoon beginning 1:00 P.M. in the Church Parlor we are hosting a baby shower for Saleum and the twins! The entire church is invited for this occasion!

THANK YOU

We want to thank the congregation for their expressions of sympathy at the time of the death of Terry's mother. We also appreciated the concern during his long illness. Knowing you care helped so much.

Diane Johnson

The OCTOBER-NOVEMBER DINNERS OF 8 schedules were mailed this week! Our thanks to Becky Stucky for scheduling and preparing for mailing.

A MOMENT WITH MAURICE. . .

What a wonderful day last Sunday was! A beautiful fall day outside, and even a more glorious day inside the church, as God's People of Love met to worship Him and fellowship with one another!

The Golden Jubilee Tea was truly a serendipity. Many of the thirty-two members who have been associated with First Christian Church for more than fifty years, with the exception of a few who are home-bound, were present for special recognition and honor. These are they who have made the church what she is today, and as an honor to them we pledge our best that she may enter the tomorrow in an even greater way!

However, the real surprise came when special recognition was given to Avis and myself on my ordination to the Christian Ministry fifty years ago last August. The kind words of Andy Cook, Moderator of the Congregation, in presenting Avis with the lovely double orchid was most appreciated. A streak of comedy was introduced when Andy brought out a black bull (ceramic, of course!) as a take-off on a recent story I shared in a sermon. And then, with thoughtful words expressive of faith, hope, and love, he presented this minister of a half-century with a most beautiful gold ring displaying the Christian symbols of the Cross and the Fishes. Needless to say, I was deeply touched by your thoughtfulness and love. How can I ever muster words to fully express my gratitude! I can only say that I am so glad that our paths crossed for this short while, permitting me to love and be loved by one of the grandest congregations I have ever known or served. I pray God's richest blessings on you, and especially in the challenging years just before you!

I call each of you now, in the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, to join the millions around the world who next Sunday will gather at His table of Holy Communion to remember Him. What could possibly be more important than to meet Jesus in His Church? He and I, and your fellow Christians, will meet you there!

With love, peace and joy,

Maurice

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER - OCTOBER 4-10, 1981

Kathlyn Banet (4)	Eileen Klepfer (8)
Tim Evans (4)	Joseph Overmyer (9)
Jean McGrew (5)	Bill Johnson (9)
Doug Rogers (5)	Kathy Graham (10)
Earl Plummer (6)	Candace Cole (10)
Ruby Kolkman (7)	Mildred Hogg (10)

VISITORS IN-WORSHIP 9/27

Marta Rehner, 719 Pasadena Dr.
Michele Munro, 3205 S. Webster
3 Evangelism Calls made last week.

PARLOR REFURBISHING PROJECT

This is the year when we are going to refurbish our church parlor! Materials for reupholstering all furniture has already been purchased and paid for. A total of \$216.00 has already been given toward new carpeting. We have pledges for an additional \$750.00 toward the total project, which has been estimated to cost about \$4,000.00. This leaves a balance of about \$2,600.00 still to be raised.

Any amount may be given toward paint and the work of reupholstering and rebuilding the furniture. To help make it possible for all to participate, we are suggesting gifts toward the carpeting in multiples of \$3.00, since the cost will come to approximately \$3.00 per square foot. A chart has been prepared so that squares representing the square footage in the parlor may be colored in as money comes in.

We invite you to pay for 1, 2, 3, --- 10 or even more square feet of carpeting. Donations of any size will be gratefully received. Checks should be made payable to First Christian Church and marked "Parlor Carpet" or "Parlor Project".

We also have a plan for raising money for this project. Be sure to save the date of October 23 for an All-Church Project and be watching TIDINGS for full details as to how you can participate.

REFUGEE FAMILY NEEDS FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Because the size of our Laotian refugee family is growing, they are now living in two households instead of one. We are needing to help them with some items of furniture, pots and pans, dishes and silverware, and some curtains. Small items may be left at the church. Call the church office for help in delivering large items.

ECUMENICAL STUDY OPPORTUNITY

The Learning Center, an ecumenical study center, meeting at Faith United Methodist Church is offering a 26 week survey course on the Bible. One of the sections begins October 6. The course is taught by Becki Nunnally. For further information and registration contact her. Home phone - 747-1355.

YOUTH NEWS

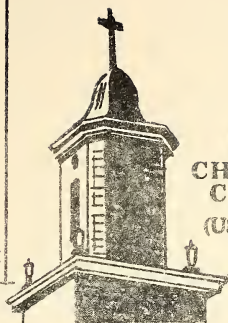
Both Youth Groups have some special activities planned for October. CHI RHO will visit the Haunted Forest on the 25th, help with the All-Church Halloween Party on the 29th and have a Paper Drive on the 31st. CYF will make a trip to Covered Bridge Festival in Rockville on the 17th, visit the Haunted House on the 25th, and help with the Halloween Party on the 29th. If you are in grades 6-12, you won't want to miss any of these specials! Regular meetings are fun too!

OUR THANKS FOR MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the worship nave last Sunday morning were given in Memory of Solon E. Merriman by his widow, Dorothy. Thank you, Dorothy, for honoring Solon in such a beautiful way.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

1:00 P.M. Painting Party in

Nursery III Classroom

6:30 P.M. Youth Groups

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

10:00 A.M. Study Group

12:00 Noon Rebecca Group (Charky's

on Anthony) meeting at 5126 Wer-
ling

1:30 P.M. Guild, Miriam Bixenman,
4430 Wilmette

7:30 P.M. Worship Committee

7:30 P.M. Evangelism Committee

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:30 P.M. Deborah Group, Opal

Carper, 535 High Street

7:30 P.M. Martha Group, Miriam

Bixenman, 4430 Wilmette

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

FOCUS ON THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

During both worship hours this Sunday the focus will be in keeping with "The Week of the Ministry", an observance of the Christian Church to increase understanding and support of this phase of the ministry of the church. Families are requested to choose their time of worship - 8:15 or 10:45 A.M.

"He Who Stands Here" will be the message by the Interim Senior Pastor with suggested readings being Romans 10:1-17 and Ephesians 4:1-16.

The Chancel Choir will lead in music in the 10:45 hour. Mrs. Donna Lehman will be the guest organist this Sunday.

PROSPECTIVE PASTOR REJECTS CALL

With regret, word has been received from the candidate for Senior Pastor of this church of his rejection of the call extended him by vote of the congregation two weeks ago. As stated last Sunday and in a letter to the membership, he does not feel the leading of God in this direction. Without this, his decision is most wise. The Search Committee is already at work in seeking a further recommendation. Meanwhile, Dr. Thompson has been asked to continue as Interim Senior Pastor, and will do so. Now is the time to rally behind FCC with all we are and have!

SERVING OCTOBER 4

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Sam Hayes and
Cecil Rice
10:45 A.M. Judy Church and
William Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SW, J.
Briggs-NW, P. Yentes, J. Young
10:45 A.M. P. Mullen-SW, S. Knuck-
les-SE, J. Jump-NE, B. Wyant, K.
Rogers, T. Harter

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
E. Snouffer
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
B. Kerley

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Ennis & Gini Brown
10:45 A.M. Jack & Doris Sauerwein

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. B. Short -
C. Ludwig - J. Stucky
G. Miller - V. Taylor
M. Snyder - J. Hudlow

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Jim Hudlow & Mike Callahan

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - Opal Carper
NUR. III - Leesa Jump
K-1 - Sharon Pauley

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Jack & Pam Bickel

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Bob Johnson and family in the sudden death of his nephew last week in Pendleton.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH:

A son, Ryan Matthew, was born to George and Anita (Petty) Shirar on September 26, 1981. The Shirars now live in Davenport, Iowa. Robert & Inez Petty are maternal grandparents.

OPPORTUNITY TO GROW!

On Saturday, October 24, Ruby Cline will be leading an opportunity for spiritual growth at First Christian in Rochester, Indiana. The Regional Commission on Evangelism and Renewal is sponsoring this "Growing in Grace" Event which will begin at 9:00 A.M. and end at 4:00 P.M. Cost is \$4.00 per person which includes lunch. Turn your name in to the Church Office NOW so that transportation can be arranged and shared. A quote from Lloyd Ogilvie, "Growing in Grace means ever increasing sensitivity to areas of our life that need forgiveness and reformation." Don't delay Seize this opportunity to grow!

FOR SALE!!

In anticipation of a new rug for our Church Parlor, the rug currently on the floor, 109+ square years, is being offered for sale to the person making the best offer. If you are interested, or know of anyone who is, please call the Church Office or Miriam Bixenman (745-3365). Proceeds will go to the Parlor Fund.

NOVEMBER 7 - MINI-REUNION

Mark your calendar now for this one-day event here at First Christian. More information in next weeks TIDINGS.

THANK-YOU NOTE

The family of Jeannette H. Beck thanks you for your kind expression of sympathy.

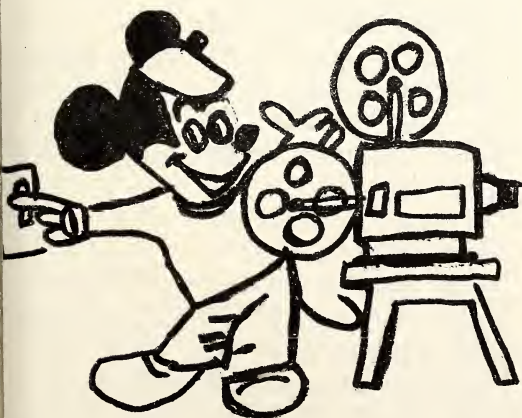
TOTAL NEEDED -	\$4,000.00
TOTAL RECEIVED -	1,536.00
STILL NEEDED -	2,464.00
PLEDGES -	350.00
BALANCE NEEDED	\$2,114.00

WATCH THE CARPET FUND GROW!
 Gifts of any amount, either toward carpeting or the general refurbishing, will be appreciated. Make checks payable to First Christian Church.

WHAT ELSE CAN BE DONE TO HELP????

In addition to gifts of money for our Parlor Fund, we are asking promises of services or home-made items. Rather than having a bazaar, at the SPAGHETTI SUPPER on OCTOBER 23, Marvin Crouse will give a magic show and will auction off cards offering items you will make for others, or services you would be willing to perform for others. Such items might include Christmas decorations or gifts (we already have a plastic wreath and a pine-cone wreath offered), baked goods (we have several already) candies (we have 3 different kinds offered to date), home canned goods, woodwork items (we have a number of hand-made children's toys and several hardwood cutting boards), knitted or crocheted items, or other items of your choice. These do not need to be completed by October 23!

Services might include babysitting, transportation, lawn work, minor household repairs, car repairs, toy repairs, sewing alterations, window washing, house cleaning, etc. Any service or item offered will be written on an index card, with the donor's name and telephone number. These cards will be auctioned off October 23 to the highest bidder. The buyer pays then, proceeds to go to Parlor Fund, and he/she may call the person offering the service 1 to 2 weeks in advance of the time the item or service is needed. Some items will be sold outright on October 23. All services should be called for by January 1. Call the church office or Miriam Bixenman (745-3365) to tell your offer. We will make the cards.



Hi, boys & girls, I'm Mickey Mouse, and I would like to invite you (children, youth, & parents) to a HALLOWEEN EVENING (October 29 from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M.) There will be a potluck meal, (youth will provide meat, rolls & drink). We'll be telling you more in further issues of TIDINGS!

YOUTH NEWS

This Sunday evening, October 11, at 5:30 P.M. both youth groups will discuss with Mr. Jack Brandon, of "Retreat In Motion" the possibility of taking a trip next summer. "Retreat In Motion" is a popular church-related personal growth retreat. They make several trips from Fort Wayne to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida, each year. PARENTS OF YOUTH ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

NEW STUDY FOR MEN'S SATURDAY BREAKFAST GROUP

At the next meeting of the Men's Breakfast Group, Saturday, October 17 at 7:00 A.M. a new book will be begun for study and discussion. The book "The Friendship Factor", by Alan McGinnis focuses on what friendship is really all about and how one attains real friendship. This group is always open to any man - member or friend - who wants fellowship, interesting discussion, and prayer in an informal setting. The group meets every other Saturday morning at the church for breakfast at 7:00 A.M. and discussion and prayer following.

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, October 11, is the regular Sunday for Homebound Communion. Last Sunday's observance was especially done in celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday.

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK
PEANUT BUTTER
CANNED MEAT
SOUP
CANNED FRUIT

THE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Announces a "New" Class for the fall. Beginning this month, The School of Christian Growth will be offering a course entitled, "The Helper" (a study about the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives) by Catherine Marshall. The course will be taught by Mrs. Karen Flickinger. The course will be offered ON EITHER WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY AT 1:00 P.M. PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (744-3239) IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN EITHER ONE OF THESE DAYS. ALSO INDICATE YOUR NEED FOR CHILD CARE.

The cost of the course will be \$8.50 which includes the book "The Helper", a workbook, and tape usage.

The Class will begin on either October 14 or 15. The books are available for purchase in the church office. Members and friends of First Christian are encouraged to enroll.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OCTOBER 11 - 17, 1981

Doris Koehlinger (11)

Robert Beachley (11)

Gary Parkerson (11) Ruth Ogles

Terry Speicher (11) (17)

Jim Taylor (11) Dan Flick-

Mamie Caldwell (12) inger (17)

Anne Lee (12)

Charles Wrisk (13)

"Red" Howell (13)

James Bramel (14)

Lorea Kuhlman (14)

Edna Vaught (15)

Charles Harshbarger (15)

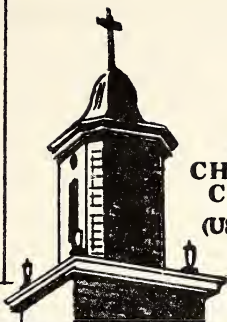
Eric "Rick" Baugher (16)

Herb Banet (17)

Lillian Breeden (17)

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SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, October 25, 1981 - 8:15 & 10:45 o'clock

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Purpose: To receive and review the 1982 Asking Budget

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship, Sermon: "The Indispensible Christ" Dr. Thompson

9:30 A.M. Church School

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

7:00 P.M. FCC-CWF business meeting in Parlor

7:30 P.M. Join CWF Meeting Fellowship Hall (see page 2)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:30 P.M. Lay Personnel

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

7:30 P.M. Outreach & Service

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

7:30 P.M. Sherwood-Pettit

Neighborhood Association

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

Spaghetti Supper, Magic Show & Auction

PAENTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, CANNED MEAT,
SOUP, CRACKERS

SPAGHETTI SUPPER...MAGIC SHOW...
AUCTION...OCTOBER 23...FRIDAY...

How can you boost the Parlor Refurbishing Fund and enjoy an evening of good food, fellowship and entertainment? Plan to come to the All-Church Spaghetti Supper, Magic Show and Auction on Friday, October 23 from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M.

A supper of all-the-spaghetti-you-can-eat, homemade rolls, celery and carrot sticks, jello and cookies, will be served at \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children under 12. Tickets will be on sale this Sunday!

Following supper, Marvin Crouse will present a magic show to baffle all ages.

Climaxing the evening will be the Auction of Services and Items to benefit the Parlor Refurbishing Fund. Here's your chance to provide a service or item to sell to someone else, and secure something you really want or need! Complete instructions were printed in last week's TIDINGS. Remember all profit goes to the Parlor Refurbishing Fund.

SERVING OCTOBER 18

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and
Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and
Barbara Short

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson-SW, M.

Busse-NW, C. Olson, D. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. E. Klepfer-SW, N.

Lucas-NW, J. Stucky-SE, M. Crouse-
NE, G. Falbe, S. Grimm, M. Mullen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
S. Johnson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Jim Hudlow & Mike Callahan

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - Opal Carper & Mai-Pauley

NUR. III - Leesa Jump

K-1 - Sharon Pauley

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

The Christian Women's Fellowship

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

M-110 - Mrs. Ethel Birkhold

473 - Mr. Bill Caldwell

DISCIPLE SINGLES FELLOWSHIP

There will be a Hayride for Disciple Single Adults at 7:30 P.M. on Saturday, October 24 at Saturn Christian Church. For more information, contact Bruce Lehman.

CHURCH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE UP!!

For several Sundays our Church School attendance has been over 125. This is good to see! Some good things are happening in classes! Our Church School has a class for everyone! If you have questions, contact the church office. Remember, Church School at 9:30 A.M.

D.M.A. ACTIVITY OCTOBER 28

On Wednesday, October 28, the D.M.A. Group will meet at the church at 9:00 A.M. to leave by car for a tour of Fox Island which is just off I-69 on the Yohn Road. Following the tour, the group will eat lunch at Charky's in Waynedale. Please call the church office (744-3239 or Gwynth Rice, (747-2662) to make reservations!

CWF TO HOST JOINT MEETING OF LOCAL CWF GROUPS

On Monday night, October 19, First Christian's CWF will host a meeting of CWF Groups from The West Creighton, North and Saturn Christian Churches. Lois Clark, from the national CWF staff, will be our guest and will speak on "Fresh, New Possibilities for CWF". There will also be time for small group sharing and fellowship among the groups from the visiting churches. The Martha Group will be the hostesses.

There will be a short business meeting of FCC-CWF at 7:00 P.M. in the Parlor.

PRIDE IN OUR CHOIR

FCC is proud of its Chancel Choir and especially its leadership in Ann Hayes as Director and Jerry Zimmerman as Organist. Have you considered joining this group? Musical ability is not the most important requirement! Willingness to participate is! Rehearsal is Thursday evening at 7:30 P.M. Music for Thanksgiving and Christmas is being prepared now. There is Child Care provided for rehearsals.

ARE YOU REALLY LISTENING???

Have you ever felt confused or frustrated after a conversation with someone? Do you really know what those around you are thinking or feeling by what they say even if they are very close to you? Perhaps you need to be a better listener? Most of us have lots of room for improvement in this very important area of our lives.

Two years ago several of our members took a 40-hour training course called COME. It was aimed at training people to call on inactive members. At the time, many said they could not invest that much time. In Indiana COME is now called REUNION and on NOVEMBER 7 there will be a INI-REUNION held here at First Christian Church. It is a one-day training event which will include a presentation of the drop-out cycle from an active to an inactive relationship with the church. It will allow people to get in touch with the major issues and sensitize them. Most importantly, participants will be introduced to the nine active listening skills. You will not be obligated to call on inactive members or make any calls at all. You will be guaranteed a valuable learning experience that could bring many benefits into your life and the life of First Christian Church.

A.B. Rudy, a layman from the Crestview Christian Church in Indianapolis, will lead this event. Registration will be \$3.75. Reserve this date on your calendar and give this opportunity high priority!

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY LUNCHEON AND PROJECT

The World Community Luncheon this year will be at Crescent Avenue Methodist Church on Friday, November 6. Cost is \$3.00. Reservations and money must be turned in to Miriam Bixenman by October 30. Child Care will be provided on request. The speaker will be Rev. John Adams, the new pastor of Wallen United Methodist Church. Rev. Adams was a bush pilot and was held prisoner in Germany. He was also active in helping the the Iranian Hostage situation. His topic will be, "The Last Commandment - Put Away Your Sword."

Church Women United, sponsors World Community Day, and will be gathering clothing for all ages, especially children's clothing and layettes. Please, no shoes, wool suits, formal clothing or girdles. 15¢ per pound or postage is also needed. Blankets, comforters, and quilts are also needed. For these heavy items, 35¢ per pound postage is needed. Bring items to the church by November 1. A box will be provided at south door.

RESERVATIONS STILL BEING ACCEPTED FOR "GROWING IN GRACE" EVENT!

Call the church office to reserve a place at this event in Rochester, October 24 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Ruby Cline is the leader. The cost is \$4.00 which includes lunch.

HI boys & girls, I'm Casper the friendly ghost. You are invited to attend A HALLOWEEN EVENING OF FAMILY FUN. The date for this event HAS BEEN CHANGED to WEDNESDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 28TH AT 6:00 P.M. until the witching hour (8:30 P.M.)

We will have a potluck meal, a COSTUME CONTEST, a HAUNTED HOUSE (bigger and better than last year's) and three Walt Disney cartoons! Come, join us for an evening of family fun, food and fellowship. Watch TIDINGS for more information!



YOU...TH NEWS

This week both groups (CHI RHO & CYF) will meet at 5:30 P.M. for individual group study and the following week on Sunday, October 25 both groups will meet at the church at 4:30 P.M. to go collecting for UNICEF then return for youth groups.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH CLASS

The Class which will study "The Helper" by Catherine Marshall is still open for persons to join. The group will meet on Thursday afternoon at 1:00 P.M. The leader is Karen Flickinger. There will be Child Care provided. Cost for the class is \$8.50 which provides a study book and a workbook. Sign up by calling the church office.

STARSHINE TO INDIANAPOLIS

The Starshine Group will be traveling to Indianapolis this Sunday after worship to sing in a Nursing Home and present a program at the Franklin Central Christian Church.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY

PRAYER OCTOBER 18-24

Fred Warner (18)

Deanna Roseberry (20)

Leatha Jones (21)

Sarah Patton (21)

Bill Love (22)

Paula Meadows (23)

Don Pomeroy (23)

Dawn Ketner (24)

VISITORS IN WORSHIP (10/11)

First-time visitors were:

Mr. & Mrs. Byron Embick,

1501 California Ave. 05

Domingo Acurrex, Ft. Wayne

Kate & John Shirley, Clayton,

New Mexico

THANKS TO PAINTERS!

Our thanks to Bob Johnson, Bill & Nancy Wyant, Ben & Val Taylor, Bob Briggs, Sue & Tom Knuckles, Leesa Jump, and Laur York for painting the Nursery III room. Thanks to Sharon Pauley for the yummy soup!

(NOTE: The YES Group will not meet this Sunday, October 18)

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REAFFIRMING THE CHURCH

How necessary is the Church? What changes would happen within the Fort Wayne community if First Christian Church, and all others of Christendom, and the influence accrued during the last two centuries, were suddenly removed? What about our state, the United States, the whole world? Would we be content to live where Christ and His Church were not?

"WHY THE CHURCH?" will be the

CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

5:30 - 7:30 P.M. Spaghetti Supper,
Auction and Magic Show

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

"Growth in Grace" Retreat in
Rochester

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
3:00 P.M. Children's Choir Party
4:30 P.M. Youth Groups UNICEF

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

10:00 A.M. Study Group
7:30 P.M. Pastoral Relations
Committee
7:30 P.M. Christian Ed. Committee

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

9:00 A.M. DMA leaves for Fox
Island
6:00 P.M. All-Church Halloween
Potluck & Party

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

1:00 P.M. "The Helper" Class
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY/FOOD BANK: POWDERED MILK
PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED FRUIT

message of Dr. Thompson this Sunday at both hours of Christian worship, 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. Presiding at the lectern will be Jack Bickel. Bill Wyant will give the Children's Sermonette.

Stimulating music will be presented by the Chancel Choir, directed by Ann Hayes with Jerry Zimmerman at the organ, for the second service. The Children's Choir directed by Shirley Callahan and accompanied by Diane Mory will sing in the second hour. Doug Rogers will be the soloist for the day.

BUDGET PRESENTATION

Moderator Andy Cook will call the congregation to consider the summarized Asking Budget in both services, as presented by Bill Franklin and the Stewardship-Finance Committee. It is being referred by the Board of Trustees, and represents coordinated challenges for the proposed program and ministries of the church in 1982.

SERVING OCTOBER 25

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and
Ennis Brown
10:45 A.M. Miriam Bixenman and

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Briggs-SW, M. Busse-
NW, P. Yentes, J. Franklin
10:45 A.M. L. York-SW, K. Flick-
inger-NW, H. Stevenson-SE, J. Hud-
low-NE, B. Wyant, V. Taylor, L.
Finkhousen, K. Rogers

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,
J. Glasgow, T. York

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. R. Church - J. Hendricks
Wm. Johnson - B. Kerley
B. Short - M. Mullen
M. Hartman - M. Callahan

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Karen Rogers & Phyllis Tobias

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - Opal Carper & Mai Pauley

NUR. III - Leesa Jump

K-1 - Sharon Pauley

MUSIC - Becky Stucky

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

The Bernie Norman Family

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

624 - Mr. Paul Yentes

REFUGEE COMMITTEE SAYS THANKS!

The Refugee Committee would like to thank FCC's Mechanical Angel, Bob Johnson, for his assistance on two occasions with our Laotian families' cars!

COMMITTEES TO MEET: The Pastoral Relations Committee and Christian Education Committee will meet on Monday, October 26, at 7:30 P.M. Pastoral Relations - Conference Room, Education - Parlor

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

It was a genuine joy to welcome into our church family last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Russell L. Sturgis, 824 Hamilton Ave., 06745-1820, who entered our fellowship by transfer from Faith United Methodist Church, Russell and Alice are both retired, but quite active in the affairs of the living. We look forward to a long and fulfilling mutual fellowship!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PARTY

The Children's Choir will be having a Party this Sunday afternoon beginning at 3:00 P.M. Parents should take children to the Village Bowl in Quimby Village at 3:00 P.M. The children will be eating supper at the Callahan 3640 Elmhurst and parents should pick their children up there at 6:30 P.M.

CHAD CLINE TO NEW POSITION

Chad Cline is now serving as the Youth Minister (part-time) at the First Christian Church, Richardson, Texas, while he is attending Brite Seminary in Fort Worth.

NEW ADDRESSES:

Two of our families have recently moved from the city. Their addresses are:

Mark & Cindy Akers, 105 Hazy Ct. Greenwood, IN 46142
George & Robin Hosfield, 364 Putnam, Ormond Beach, FL, 32074

"NOBODY LISTENS TO ANDREW"

This well known children's book authored by Elizabeth Guilfoile reflects the cry of almost every person in today's world. Beginning as a pre-schooler it is imperative to have someone listen to us.

Good listening requires time, attention, and skill. On NOVEMBER 7 at FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH there will be an opportunity, via the MINI-REUNION, for each of us to learn ways of becoming a better listener. Come and join in this most interesting experience. You will be under no obligation to anyone except yourself. You'll be surprised how much you can improve your listening skills.

My participation in past REUNION programs has been most enjoyable and beneficial. Do come and join in this one. You'll be glad you did.

Mildred I. Hartman

D.M.A. TRIP TO FOX ISLAND

A tour of Fox Island and lunch out is on the agenda for the D.M.A. group this month. We will be taking a guided tour of Fox Island from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. We will leave the church at 9:00 A.M. Wednesday, October 28

Lunch will be eaten at Charky's in Waynedale at 12:00 noon. We'll sit together and order from the menu.

For reservations, call the church office (744-3239) or Gwynth Rice (747-2662). If you don't feel up to walking the tour, meet us for lunch!

The DMA Group is open to any retired person, widow or widower, single, married -- the fellowship is great!

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY REMINDER

The Church Women United sponsored World Community Day is November 7 at Crescent Avenue Methodist Church. Reservations need to be called to Miriam Bixenamn by October 30. Clothing and blankets to be gathered for

COME--JOIN--THE--FUN!

Come on out this Friday evening October 23 and enjoy good food, fellowship and fun! All-the-spaghetti-you-can-eat, plus homemade rolls, celery and carrots, jello and homemade cookies, coffee, tea or Kool-aid, all for \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children under 12. All this, plus an auction of homemade items and services, and a magic show, featuring our own Marvin Crouse! In the bargain, you will be helping our Parlor Fund grow!

SPEAKING OF THE PARLOR FUND...READ ON...

AMOUNT NEEDED	\$4,000.00
AMOUNT PAID TO DATE	1,832.00
BALANCE	3,168.00

AMOUNT PLEDGED	350.00
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AMOUNT YET TO BE PAID	\$2,818.00
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the project may be brought to the church and left in the office or in the box by the south door.



Next week, we will be having a HALLOWEEN EVENING OF FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT in the FELLOWSHIP HALL on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28. A POTLUCK SUPPER will begin at 6:00 P.M.

The youth (CHI RHO and CYF) will provide the MEAT and DRINKS. Families coming are asked to bring food according to the first initial of their last name:

A - H - VEGETABLE or CASSEROLE

I - Q - DESSERT

R - Z - SALAD & ROLLS

We will have a COSTUME CONTEST (with prizes) for the best dressed male and female adult, youth, and children...and A HAUNTED HOUSE that will be bigger and better than last years. See you t-h-e-r-eee!

YOU...TH NEWS

This weekend, Sunday October 25, the youth will be collecting for UNICEF. All youth are to be at the church by 4:30 P.M. Regular youth groups will resume at 5:45 P.M. CYF will continue their study on the Serendipity study - A SELF PROFILE: THE ME NOBODY KNOWS and CHI RHO will be going to the March of Dimes Haunted House. The cost for the Haunted House is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12. The House opens at 6:30 P.M. and the youth will be back around 7:20 P.M.

VISITORS IN WORSHIP

(first-time visitors in worship this past Sunday were:)

Matt Bonahoom, Fort Wayne

Mrs. J.E. Frankum, Manhassee,
New York

PAPER DRIVE - OCTOBER 31

(for pick-up, call the office)

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OCTOBER 25 - 31

Thomas Mathis (25)

J. Fred Smell (26)

Carolyn (Ripple) Bernhard (27)

Susan Creager (28)

Deborah Rinker (29)

Jeffrey Grier (30)

Ben Taylor (30)

Hazel Cleaver (30)

Charles Schnobel (31)

Gary Falbe (31)

Helen Foltz (31)

August Mueller (31)

Jim Shirley (31)

PANTRY/FOOD BANK SERVES NEEDS

During the months of July, August and September, the PANTRY PROGRAM served 11 adults and 18 children food for three days for a total of 261 meals. The FOOD BANK served 47 adults and 60 children food for five days for a total of 1,170 meals. Our total meals given to others is 1,431. The food you give helps us help others!

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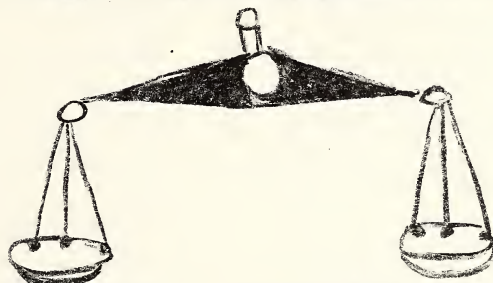
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"Freely

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receive. . .



. . . So

Freely

Give"

EVERY MEMBER COMMITMENT SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 22

TIME.....TALENT.....TREASURE

SERMON THIS SUNDAY: "Christian, You've Got a Lot to Give"

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
9:00 A.M. Youth Paper Drive

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

9:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
1:30 P.M. Youth Groups

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS: POWDERED
MILK, PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED FRUIT

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:00 A.M. Ruth Group, Mary
Cook, 323 W. Oakdale
7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group, Mildred
Hogg, 1206 Three Rivers E.
1:00 P.M. "The Helper" Class
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SERVING NOVEMBER 1

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Cecil Rice and
Jack Weicker
10:45 A.M. William Johnson and
Mark Snyder

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Hendricks-SW, C.
Olson-NW, M. Busse, M. Hutchinson
10:45 A.M. B. Wyant-SW, B. Norman-
NW, L. Finkhousen-SE, S. Knuckles-
NE, G. Falbe, T. Harter, W. Bowen,
B. Kerley

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Karen Rogers and Phyllis Tobias

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Grace Truby and Esther Whitton

IN HOSPITALS

(At Press Time we had no known
hospital patients. Mrs. Mabel
Cross was a patient at Lutheran
Hospital last week but was dis-
missed on Saturday.)

VISITORS IN WORSHIP (10/25)

(Sunday's first-time visitors
were:)

Mrs. Virginia Laudadio, 5214
Woodhurst Blvd.

Mr. & Mrs. R.T. Donohue, 1117
Glenwood

Jeremy Beason, 1218 W. State
Kathryn Rudfou, Lanse, PA

FOUR ATTEND "GROWING IN GRACE"
EVENT.

Ethel Allen, Judy Church, Rose-
mary Krull and Avis Thompson at-
tended the "Growing in Grace" ev-
ent in Rochester last Saturday.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO MEET

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

The November meeting of the
Board of Trustees will be Tues-
day evening, November 3 at
7:30 P.M. in the Conference
Room. All members of this im-
portant group of leaders in
the congregation are urged to
be present. In the event of
unavoidable absence, please
telephone regrets to the office.

CORNUCOPIA FOR PANTRY/FOOD BANK
BEGINS THIS SUNDAY!

Beginning Sunday, the Corn-
ucopia will be placed in the
Chancel to receive our gifts of
food items for our PANTRY/FOOD
BANK. Items may be placed at
any time. Persons and/or fam-
ilies may want to make this
part of your offering during
worship by placing food dur-
ing the offering after the of-
fering plates have passed your
pew.

POINSETTA PLANTS PLANNED FOR
ADVENT-CHRISTMAS SEASON

We are planning to decorate
our Chancel Area with Poinsett
Plants during this Advent-
Christmas season. We will be
ordering these all at once to
save as well as have uniformity
of size. These may be donated
in memory or in honor of a lov-
ed one or just as your contri-
bution to this joyous season in
our building. Plants will be
taken to our hospitalized and
homebound members. Detail
will soon be available regard-
ing price and order deadline.
Watch TIDINGS.

A MOMENT WITH MAURICE. . .

November is the month of Thanksgiving! God's wonderful "cornucopia" from which flows His blessings will be known all about our church. As we face the mirror to see His gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure to each of us, we shall rise to the challenge of "Commitment Sunday" on November 22 to show that "Giving Adds Love to Living."

I shall depart next Monday for two weeks in Israel, Jordan, and Egypt, returning to the office on November 17. All services are covered for my absence. If you need a minister, please call Gary, or the Church Office.

Dr. Spencer Austin of Indianapolis will speak both Sundays. He is not a stranger here. I urge your full support of our fine church in every way. I'll see you this Sunday and may God bless you with Love!

In His Spirit,

Maurice

MINI-REUNION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 7

The MINI-REUNION event is scheduled for November 7 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Registration fee is \$3.75. This includes the noon meal. This one-day training event is for YOU if you CARE about the members and friends of First Christian. You will be made aware of the many reasons why people "drop-out" from an active relationship with the church. Also you will become sensitive to the major issues involved. But most importantly, you will be introduced to the nine active listening skills that can be beneficial to you in every area of your life. You will not be obligated to a "calling program" of any kind. Hopefully, you will be better able to "hear" those around you.

A.B. Rudy from Indianapolis will be the leader for the day. Call in your reservation to the church office now!!

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER - NOVEMBER 1 - 7, 1981

Shari Eme (1)

Herdis Helmuth (1)

Coleen Wilcoxson (1)

Joe Wiley (1)

Violet Wuthrich (1)

Judy Church (2)

Audrey Corkwell (2)

Bill Wyant (3)

Jack Brickley (3)

Ron Feaser (3)

Bruce Finkhousen (4)

Marie Pritchard (4)

Ruth Stone (4)

Al Pattengale (5)

John Phillips (5)

Tony York (5)

Martha Christy (5)

Teresa (Gardner) Wagner (6)

Ennis Brown (6)

Jeannette Grier (6)

Ruby Boxell (7)

James Evans (7)

WE'RE WELL ON OUR WAY!

The PARLOR PROJECT is alive and kicking! The Spaghetti Supper and Auction was a real success.

The chairs have gone to get a new look with fresh upholstery and a general face-lift.

The old carpet is sold and will be picked up on November 3.

Many thanks to Marvin Crouse for his excellent service as auctioneer and magician and to all who helped make the evening of October 23 a gala occasion with offers of service and items for sale and with their work.

A big thank you to all who have made contributions to the Parlor Fund.

With the help of everyone, we can make our goal by the deadline date of NOVEMBER 15!

Keep watching the charts in Fellowship Hall for up-to-the-minute progress reports.

See the column to the right for the latest figures.

PARLOR PROJECT REPORT

TOTAL NEEDED	\$ 4,000.00
PAID TO OCTOBER 23	1,832.00
BALANCE	2,168.00
PLEGGED TO OCTOBER 23	350.00
STILL TO BE RAISED AS OF 10/23	1,818.00
PROCEEDS FROM SUPPER & AUCTION & DONATIONS 10/23	851.35
	966.65
PLEDGE RECEIVED 10/23	51.00
	915.65
BALANCE TO BE PAID FROM SALE OF OLD CARPET	150.00
	765.65
LESS GIFTS RECEIVED IN CHURCH OFFICE SINCE LAST TIDINGS	73.50
BALANCE TO BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 15	\$ 692.15

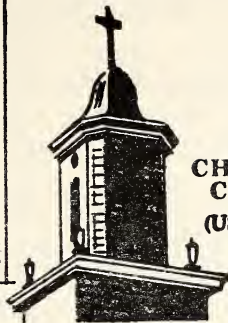
SERVICES STILL AVAILABLE FROM AUCTION

The following services are still available from among those offered at the Spaghetti Supper and Auction. Any may be had for a donation to the Parlor Fund.

To reserve one of the offerings, call the church office (744-3239) or Miriam Bixenman (745-3365).

- * 4 jeweled Christmas decorations made by Delores Keebortz
- * Crocheted Banks made by Virginia Brown
- * Developing 1 roll of 110 film donated by Don Short
- * 2 offers of 1 hour of transportation offered by Miriam Bixenman and Debbie White.

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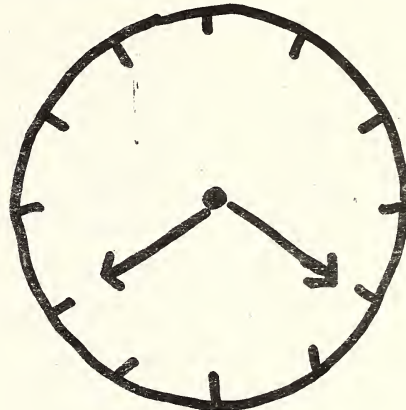
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REAL GIVING INCLUDES TIME

God's gift of Time to each of us is the same --- 24 hours a day, 168 hours a week! The difference lies in what we do with it. Time is as much a trusteeship as money, and there are no capitalists. We cannot invest it to use in the future, but we can use it now and have the blessings in the future, to the enriching of other people and the glory of God.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 22

When we shall covenant together how we shall use our Time in 1982. We shall choose how our Time shall be invested -- or shall the golden hours be wasted, lost -- never to be regained again? We decide now!



DR. SPENCER AUSTIN TO BE GUEST PREACHER THIS SUNDAY IN BOTH HOURS

Dr. Austin, who lives in Indianapolis, has just retired (again) from a position as Financial Consultant to Christian Theological Seminary. Dr. Austin has had a rich and fruitful ministry in many areas of our denomination's life. He has served the national manifestation of our church in the Department of Evangelism and as Director of Unified Promotion. While serving as the Director of Unified Promotion, he visited mission work in all parts of the world. Many of us remember with pleasure the visit he and his late wife, Kathleen, made to our congregation a couple of years ago to highlight Outreach. Dr. Austin will preach at the 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. Worship Hours. Gary D. Nunnally will be worship leader. Cheryle Phelps will be soloist in both hours. The Chancel Choir will share their ministry of music in the 10:45 A.M. Hour.

SERVING NOVEMBER 8
ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Janet Weicker and
Charles Ludwig
10:45 A.M. Eugene Klepfer and
Ben Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SW, J.
Briggs-NW, J. Young, P. Yentes
10:45 A.M. K. Flickinger-SW, N.
Lucas-NW, H. Stevenson-SE, J.
Stucky-NE, P. Mullen, R. Flickin-
ger, J. Jump, V. Taylor

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. M. Bixenman - E. Klepfer

Jt. Weicker - L. York
C. Rice - M. Hutchinson
J. Wiley - Wm. Wyant

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Jim Jump and Jack Bickel

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Geneva Ferguson and Phyllis Tobias

IN HOSPITALS

(At this writing, Clover Branstrator, who has been a patient this past week, was scheduled to be dismissed.)

THANK YOU NOTES:

Thank you for all of the prayers, calls, cards while I was in the hospital. Special thanks to Dr. Thompson, Gery, Janet and Karen for their visits. God Bless You All

Arthur Mowery

I would like to thank my many friends for the cards, visits and prayers while I was in the hospital. Also a special thanks to Dr. Thompson, Gary Nunnally, Karen Flickinger and Janet Weicker for their

VISITORS IN WORSHIP

(Sunday's first-time visitors were:)

Mrs. Hortense Jewell, Greencastle, Indiana
Mike Pfister, Fort Wayne

MINI-REUNION DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Please call your "Yes" into the Church Office (744-3239) so we can count on you to be at First Christian Church on Saturday November 7 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Cost for the day is \$3.75 which includes lunch! The rewards are great!

DID YOU KNOW...

that the overseas churches share in support of their own operating budget? Nearly all congregations are supporting their own pastors and most of them make contributions to general funds enabling district and national programs to function. The low income level in the third world means much work cannot be accomplished without the financial assistance that comes from churches of the developed countries, including our own.

The Outreach Committee

PLAN ON THIS DATE...NOVEMBER 22
We are planning a shower for Samuel and the twins during coffee hour Sunday, November 22.

visits and prayers.

In God's love,
Susan Creager

D.M.A. TO HAVE CARRY-IN DINNER THIS MONTH

The DMA Group will be hosting the Southmoor Singers this month in a special program following a carry-in dinner. The Southmoor Singers, a well-known group of local singers (including our own Genevieve Ripple and Becky Stucky) will be our guests for lunch. They will present their program following lunch. After the concert there will be a social time and election of officers. This will be the last meeting of the D.M.A. for 1981.

Plan to be present and bring extra food for our guests.

CORNUCOPIA TO BE FILLED DURING THIS THANKSGIVING SEASON

The Cornucopia has been placed in the Chancel area of the sanctuary. During this Thanksgiving season to give all of us a chance to share foodstuffs for the Pantry/Food Bank Program and others who need food.

Families and individuals are encouraged to bring food anytime and place it in and around the cornucopia. Food may also be placed during the worship service at the offering time. On November 22, the children will be making their special offerings of food. During the 10:45 A.M. Worship that day, the children will go through the congregation and collect food that has been brought and place it in the Cornucopia.

If 250 persons came to worship each Sunday and each person brought just one item, look what we could share!

PARLOR PROJECT REPORT

TOTAL NEEDED \$4,000.00

AMOUNT RAISED TO DATE
OF LAST TIDINGS 2,756.85
1,243.15

BALANCE TO BE PAID
IN PLEDGES 101.00
1,142.15

BALANCE TO BE PAID
FROM SALE OF CARPET 150.00
992.15

AMOUNT RECEIVED SINCE
LAST TIDINGS 501.50

BALANCE TO BE RAISED
BY NOVEMBER 15 490.65

WE'VE BEEN INVITED. . .

On Saturday, November 7 to attend the Church Bazaar at the West Creighton Christian Church from 10:00 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. Food will be served in a snack bar from 10 to 1:30 P.M. Dinner will be served from 4:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. Dinner Tickets are \$3.25 for adults and \$1.75 for children under 12.

On Sunday, November 8, at 3:30 P.M., Rev. David McCracken will be installed as the new pastor of the North Christian Church, 5200 N. Camden Crive. We are invited to the installation and the reception following.

We rejoice with our sister congregation in the calling of a pastor and wish them the beginning of a long, fruitful ministry together!

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Mini-Reunion (see page 3)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

3:30 P.M. Installation of David McCracken as Pastor at North Christian Church

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

10:00 A.M. Morning Study Group

12:00 Noon Rebecca Group, Miriam Bixenman, 4430 Wilmette

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild, Opal Perkins, 701 Ewing, Apt. 213, Bldg. C

7:30 P.M. Worship Committee

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

12:00 Noon Associated Churches Board - Fellowship Hall

7:30 P.M. Deborah Group, Elinor Place, 10744 U.S. 27 South

7:30 P.M. Martha Group, Pat Mullen, 4330 S. Harrison

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9:30 A.M. Rachel Group

1:00 P.M. "The Helper" Class

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

7:00 P.M. Rehearsal for Drama portion of "Home for Christmas"

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

9:00 P.M. Bowling League

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

CANNED MILK, CEREAL, CANNED FRUIT, CANNED MEAT, PEANUT BUTTER, SOUP, CRACKERS

(Note: These items could be ones brought to Cornucopia. Also, other food staple items and paper products are needed.)

YOUTH NEWS

CYF

This week the CYF will continue their study on "The Me Nobody Knows" a Serendipity Study.

Last week both youth groups made \$102.13 from the Paper-Drive (AND WE THANK ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO MADE THAT POSSIBLE) The money made from this paper-drive and future ones will go towards the youth taking a R.I.M. (Retreat in Motion) trip to Florida next summer. This is both a spiritual growth experience and a trip for fun.

CHI RHO

This week the CHI RHO will continue their study on Spiritual Growth and Warfare in the Bible. Come, join us for an interesting study and discussion.

Coming up, November 21, the Chi Rho will be going Roller Skating. Watch TIDINGS for further details.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER NOVEMBER 8-14, 1981

Pam Bickel (8)
Ingrid (von Buchler) Mosier (8)
Emma Schell (9)
Marilyn McDougale (11)
Beth Schilling (11)
Diane Miller (11)
Linda Lou Breeden (13)
Linda Eich (13)
Leon Johns (13)
Shirley Callahan (13)
Melissa Orr (14)
Jim Hudlow (14)

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REAL GIVING INCLUDES TALENTS

Every person is endowed with gifts of ability, some of it seems with more than others, but all with some. Our Lord shows us that he who buries his talent loses it, but he who puts it into God's service has the joy of seeing it bless another.

God never goes to the lazy or idle when He has work to be done. He calls a worker who is willing to use his talent to meet a need.

At a factory employment office, a sign read: "If you are like a wheelbarrow -- going no farther than you are pushed -- you need not apply for work here!"



COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 22

When we indicate how we would like to use our personal talents in the new year. The New Day before us calls for the best talents we have to be invested in the Lord's Work! Choose wisely!

R. SPENCER P. AUSTIN WILL PREACH THIS SUNDAY IN THE 8:15 and 10:45

A.M. WORSHIP HOURS. Gary Nunnally will lead worship. Bill Wyant

is the soloist for the morning and will play a piano solo in both

worship hours. Jerry Zimmerman will be at the Organ in both worship hours

and the Chancel Choir under the leadership of Ann Hayes will sing

at 10:45 A.M.

SERVING NOVEMBER 15
ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ennis Brown and
William Franklin

10:45 A.M. Barbara Short and
Miriam Bixenman

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Franklin-SE, J.
Hendricks-NW, C. Olson, M. Hut-
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10:45 A.M. L. York-SW, E. Klep-
fer-NW, K. Rogers-SE, M. Crouse-
NE, G. Falbe, J. Hudlow, J. Bick-
el, M. Finkhausen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Jim Jump and Jack Bickel

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

The Sam Hayes family

IN HOSPITALS

At this writing four persons, Edith Roush, Deann Halbrook, Lillian Breen, and Jack Brickley, all patients this past week in local hospitals have been dismissed.

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the get well wishes, prayers and visits while we were in the Hospital. The visits of Dr. Thompson, Gary Nunnally, Karen Flickinger, and Janet Weicker, were indeed an inspiration and an aid in our recovery.

In Christian Love,
Bill and Mamie Caldwell

METAL PAN MISSING

One of Sandy Zimmerman's 8 inch metal pans has been missing since the Spaghetti Supper. Did you take it home by mistake?

VISITORS IN WORSHIP

(Our first-time visitors in worship last Sunday were:)

Mr. & Mrs. William Lucas,
Marion, Indiana

JACK WEICKER HONORED

Jack Weicker, principal at South Side High School and a very important person at FCC was named "Outstanding Principal of the Year" in northeast Indiana last week. Jack, we are proud of you!

FLOWERS IN MEMORIAM

The beautiful fall floral basket in the Chancel this past Sunday morning was given by Edna Vaught in loving memory of her husband, Owen Vaught. Thank you, Edna, for sharing this beautiful floral piece.

SHOWER FOR SALEUM AND TWINS IS
THIS SUNDAY!

The shower for Saleum and twins will be held this Sunday, November 15, during Coffee Hour. (We announced it incorrectly last week, excuse us!) This is a congregation-wide event to honor the two newest members of our Laotian family!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP PAINT
THE PARLOR??

Painting was begun this week in the Parlor! There will all be painting in the Parlor this Saturday, November 14. Bring rollers (for rough textured walls), brushes and rags.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY-NOVEMBER 2

PARLOR FUND REPORT

AMOUNT NEEDED \$4,000.00

AMOUNT REC'D TO DATE 3,730.85

PLEDGE TO BE REC'D 50.00

AMOUNT NEEDED BY

NOVEMBER 15..... 219.15

D.M.A. TO MEET NOVEMBER 17

The D.M.A. Group is planning a carry-in luncheon and program on Tuesday, November 17. The meal will begin at 12:00 noon. Please bring covered dishes and your own table service. The program will feature the Southmoor Singers. The members of this group will be guests for lunch so we need to remember and prepare extra food.

Following the program there will be a social time and election of officers for 1982. This will be the last meeting of the D.M.A. for 1981.

Reservations are not required but an indication of how many are coming would be helpful as we plan for that day. Call Gwynth Rice, (747-2662) or the church office if you are planning to attend on the 17th.

D.M.A. is open to any retired person, widows, widowers, couples, singles--come share the fun!

CORNUCOPIA IS FILLING WITH FOOD!

Some Cornucopias are used at this time of year for centerpiece in our homes. Our Cornucopia is unique--we fill it with food! We have two more Sundays to share in this project which will provide food for Thanksgiving gifts as well as supplying our Pantry/Food Bank. Children are reminded that Sunday, November 22 is your special Sunday to share.

OPPORTUNITIES.....SHARE WITH THE CHURCH AT CHRISTMAS!

As we announced earlier, the Worship Committee is planning to use Poinsetta Plants in the Chancel area for the Advent-Christmas Season. We will purchase these plants from one florist at \$7.50 per plant or persons may donate a plant they personally purchase. Ordering plants at one time will insure uniformity of size, however. These plants may be donated in memory or to honor a person or persons--we will list these in the TIDINGS. The plants will be taken to hospitalized or shut-in members after the Season is over. Persons may indicate a desire to participate by calling the church office. Donations of any amount (less than \$7.50 is fine) should be clearly marked, "Poinsettias". Thank you!

The Outreach & Service Committee is planning to provide opportunity to share greetings and help the Cleveland Home and the Flinn Home through the Christmas Card Tree. You may send one card to the church and enclose the amount you would spend sending cards to the church family. These are displayed in the Narthex and listed in TIDINGS. Money is divided between the Cleveland Christian Home and the Emily Flinn home.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast Group
All day - Painting in the Parlor
(lunch served)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
3:00 P.M. Dinners of 8, Fellowship Hall (Overmyer-Allen)
3:00 P.M. Clown Practice
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

12:00 Noon - D.M.A. Potluck &
Program (see page 3)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

1:00 P.M. "The Helper" Class
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:30 P.M. Outreach & Service
Committee

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED FRUIT,
CANNED MEAT, POWDERED MILK,
NOODLES, CANNED SOUP

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

NOVEMBER 15-21

Ethel Allen (16)
Tom Meadows (16)
Bernie Norman (16)
Robert Corkwell (18)
Muriel Crouse (19)
Lee Higgins (21)
Laura York (21)

30 PERSONS ATTEND THE MINI-REUNION

A total of 30 persons participated in the Mini-Reunion held here this past Saturday. 22 persons were from our congregation, 8 persons participated from Saturn Christian Church. A good day! Our thanks to all who participated and helped in the planning and leadership.

ADVENT-CHRISTMAS SALE

Beginning Sunday morning, November 29, through Sunday, December 20, the Christian Education Committee will sponsor a Book/Jewelry Sale in Fellowship Hall.

The Committee sponsors this sale each year attempting to provide some of the best resources in Christian literature for church families to purchase for themselves or as gifts.

Our variety in books this year is bigger and better (we have some of Lloyd Ogilvie's latest books), Bibles, devotional readings for all ages, books on prayer, marriage, the family, Disciple history, singles, and Christmas books. We also have a variety of Disciple jewelry and tote bags.

The display will be open after the 8:15 worship hour, before Church School begins, and after the 10:45 A.M. Worship hour during the coffee hour.

Don't miss this opportunity to see some of the best books available today for the Christian.

ATTENTION: PERSONS WHO PURCHASED SERVICES/ITEMS AT THE AUCTION

If you purchased a card on which was written a service or item to be made at the recent auction---please call the person whose name and number appears on that card so that they will know who purchased their item.

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GIVING ADDS LOVE TO LIVING

THIS IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY

November 22, at 8:15 and 10:45

FIRST -- Every Member and Friend Present for a great service of Thanksgiving and Life Commitment, with chosen leaders of congregation and their families seated in the forward pews.

SECOND -- Every Person Aware of God's Love Added to Christian Living by His Gift of His Son Jesus, the Holy Bible as the Guide Light, the Church as the Redemptive Fellowship, and Heaven as the Eternal Hope.

THIRD -- Every Christian Renewing His Covenant to Jesus Christ as Lord and presenting his "Statement of Intention: as a goal for giving of Time, Talent and Treasure in 1982. These cards have been mailed to all.

FOURTH -- A Challenge Ministry Assured on This One Day of \$???,??? for an ongoing and growing service to our families, community and world, under new pastoral leadership and supported by our best of Time and Talents, With Jesus First, Nothing is Impossible.

FIFTH -- A New Spirit of Love Within First Christian Church in 1982.

SERVING NOVEMBER 22
ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and
Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and
Barbara Short

DIACONATE AND GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Busse-SW, B. Briggs-
NW, J. Young, P. Yentes

10:45 A.M. L. York-SW, V. Taylor-
NW, J. Stucky-SE, T. Harter-NE, E.
Klepfer, J. Jump, S. Grimm, B. Nor-
man

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Hazel & Bill Crouse

10:45 A.M. Genevieve & Rolland
Ripple

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Marvin Crouse & Chip Olson
HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M.

Wm. Johnson - B. Norman
G. Klepfer - K. Flickinger
B. Taylor - G. Falbe
Jt. Weicker - S. Knuckles

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Miriam Bixenman, Peg Buskirk, the
Jim Stucky family

EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

NUR. II - O. Carper & M. Pauley

NUK. III - Pam Bickel

K-1 - Sharon Pauley

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

M-117 Mrs. Ardith Wrisk

(Note: Jack Brickley, who was a
patient at St. Joseph Hospital
has been dismissed.)

VISITORS IN WORSHIP

Gladys Harroll, Linton, IN
Mary Ruth Howes, Nashville, TN

DEADLINE FOR POINSETTA PLANTS

The Worship Committee has
set a deadline for informing
the Church Office of your
intention to provide a Poin-
setta Plant for the sanctu-
ary during the Advent-Christ-
mas Season. That deadline is
December 7. Plants which-we
order from the florist will
be \$7.50 apiece. Any amount
may be donated, however.
Plants may also be donated
directly. These may be do-
nated in memory, or in honor
of someone or just as a gift.
They will be taken to our
hospitalized and shut-in.

BELL CHOIR TO BEGIN!

We have secured David Mosi-
er to direct the FCC Bel
Choir! Dave is no stranger to
FCC as we have enjoyed his
musical gift of singing many
times. The Bell Choir will
have its first rehearsal on
Sunday, November 29 at 4:30
P.M. PLEASE NOTE: THE BEL
CHOIR IS FOR ANY AGE PERSON
Previous experience with bell
is not necessary!

THANKS TO THE PARLOR PAINTERS

Our many thanks to the fol-
lowing persons who have worke
painting this week: Enni
Brown, Mildred Hartman, Mild-
red Hutchinson, Rolland Rippl
Linda Wiley, Judy Church, Ear
Plummer, Val Taylor, Lees
Jump, Delores Keebortz & Mir-
iam Bixenman.

LAST SUNDAY FOR THE CORNUCOPIA

This Sunday will be our last opportunity to bring food items for the Cornucopia. The children are reminded that this is their special Sunday to bring items to the Cornucopia. They will bring them to the front at the time of the Children's Sermonette. They will also go to the congregation seated in the pews and collect what items have been brought. Let's fill the Chancel area with food this Sunday!

SPECIAL MUSIC THIS SUNDAY IN THE SECOND WORSHIP HOUR

Three of our Choirs will be presenting special music in the 10:45 A.M. Worship Hour this Sunday. The Chancel Choir will be joined by Starshine for the anthem "Come Christians Join to Sing". The Starshine Group will sing "Praise the Lord" alone. Our Children's Choir will sing "All Things Bright and Beautiful". They will be accompanied by Bill Wyant on the guitar, Barbara Busse on the flute and Eric Zimmerman on drums. Diane Mory will be the soloist in the 8:15 Worship Hour and will sing "Bless This House". We look forward to these special musical offerings in our worship of the Lord Jesus!

CONGRATULATIONS TO SISTER CONGREGATION

Our congratulations to the West Creighton Christian Church as they celebrate their 85th anniversary as a congregation this Sunday, November 22.

WATCH NEXT WEEK'S TIDINGS FOR A COMPLETE CALENDAR OF ADVENT-CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES!

PARLOR FUND REPORT

This week \$51.00 was given to the Parlor Fund. This leaves a total of \$218 (including \$50.00 which has been pledged) still to be raised. All pledges, payment for service cards purchased at the spaghetti supper or on one of the following two Sundays, or any additional gifts should be in this week so that the fund may be closed.

ADVENT-CHRISTMAS SALE

The Advent-Christmas Sale of Books and Disciple Jewelry will begin Sunday morning, November 29. These items will be on display in Fellowship Hall and someone there to help you immediately following the 8:15 Worship Hour until Church School begins, and after the 10:45 A.M. Worship Hour during the Coffee Hour. Books are here this year for sale in many areas. We have books for all ages - books on prayer, marriage, devotional resources, Bibles, Bible study, Disciple history, singles and Christmas books. We also have an excellent selection of Disciple jewelry just right for gift-giving. This sale is sponsored by the Christian Education Committee.

DECEMBER 20 . . . PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR

The youth will sponsor an ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON at 12:00 Noon in Fellowship Hall. The menu will include spaghetti, mannocanti, garlic bread, lettuce salad, pie, milk, coffee and tea. A Free-Will Offering will be taken. Reservations encouraged!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

2:30 P.M. Chi Rho meet at the church to go Roller Skating

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

"COMMITMENT SUNDAY"

9:30 A.M. Church School

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

10:00 A.M. Study Group

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

7:30 P.M. Refugee Committee

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

"THANKSGIVING DAY"

Church Office Closed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

9:00 P.M. FCC Bowling

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, CANNED MEAT,
CANNED SOUP, CANNED FRUIT,
PEANUT BUTTER

(NOTE: This is the last Sunday to bring items for the Cornucopia. Gifts to the Pantry/Food Bank are needed year 'round!)

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY

PRAYER - NOVEMBER 22-28

Roger Parkerson (22)
Nellie Buchanan (24)
Charles Green (25)
Marlene Crouse (25)
Ron Flickinger (25)
Joan Ott (25)
Elva Stephans (25)
Jo Ellen Hendrickson (26)
Frederick Sheets (26)
Jerry Ferguson (27)
Mary Sue Ludwig (28)

CHI RHO CONDITION

Chi Rho is really involved in a lot of fun things during November and December. We will be going Roller Skating this Saturday, November 21 at Roller Dome South. The cost will be \$1.75 for two hours of skating and .75 for skate rental. All Chi Rho youth will meet at the church at 2:30 P.M. and arrive back around 5:15 P.M.

We are also spending time studying our book "Learning the Basics" a study on Spiritual Growth.

I will be talking to you next week! Bye!

Chi Rho Secretary,
Shannon Jones

(Note: "Chi Rho Conditions" makes its debut this week in TIDINGS. We welcome Shannon's contributions of Chi Rho news and activities!)

CYF

This week the CYF will be finalizing plans for their "Spiritual Growth Retreat" at Indian Lake in Indianapolis on December 4-6. We also have an assortment of games and activities planned.

NOTE TO BOTH GROUPS: Remember our activity December 20 when we will host the total church in a Christmas Luncheon after worship.

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FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 1981

GREAT

UPLIFTING

MUSIC

PREACHING

FIRST ADVENT CANDLE: Prophecy. The Scripture to be read about the Advent Wreath is Habakkuk 2:1-3, with an introduction, interpretation and prayer.

SERMON: "Journey into Faith -- Expectation". An exposition of Luke 2:1-7 will be given.

MUSIC BY THE PEOPLE: During Advent many of the familiar carols will be sung.

SPECIAL CHORAL MUSIC: In both worship hours by a quartet at 8:15 and the Chancel Choir at 10:45.

COME STUDY

COME WORSHIP

"WEEK OF GRACE" ON LIFE COMMITMENTS

In both commitment services last Sunday, a spirit of enthusiasm and joy prevailed. There were 131 Commitment Cards presented, representing 182 persons, for a total of \$1,628.78 per week. Other families are already responding this week. A word of encouragement goes to each who have not indicated how much they would like to share their Time, Talent and Treasure with their church and her Christ. Let us attend to this matter, and save our visitors much work! Thank you!

SERVING NOVEMBER 29

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Sam Hayes and
Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Miriam Bixenman and
Joe Wiley

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. T. Sauerwein-SW, D.
Church-NW, J. Franklin, C. Olson,

10:45 A.M. J. Bickel-SW, P. Mul-
len-NW, L. York-SE, K. Rogers-NE,
L. Finkhousen, W. Bowen, S. Knuckles
J. Hudlow

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Cecil & Almeda Rice

10:45 A.M. Joe & Linda Wiley

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Bill Kerley and Chip Olson

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Harold & Edna Nordblom

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - Opal Carper & Mai Pauley

NUR. III - Pam Bickel

K-1 - Sharon Pauley

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 577 Mr. Art Busse

M-117 Mrs. Ardith Wrisk

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Mrs. Virginia Cook and family
in the death this past week of her
mother in Elwood.

THANKS TO PARLOR WORKERS!

Oops, we goofed! In our listing
of Parlor Painters, the name of
Vincent Wells was inadvertently
left out. In addition to the
painters we want to thank George
Bruckman for the many things he did
to help and also to Charlene Craig
for reworking the drapes and cur-
tains in the west Parlor.

VISITORS IN WORSHIP

Cheryl Widmyer, 3101 Euclid
James Mills, 504 Rudisill
Kent Ellis, 6030 Oakmont

CHANGES IN WORSHIP

After careful study, the
Worship Committee has prop-
osed changes in the services
to increase lay participation.
The Community Sharing will be
5 minutes before the announced
time followed by the prelude;
hence, the Elders should be in
the Pastor's Study early. Res-
ponsive and unison readings
will be used, as well as long-
er time for personal prayers.
Lay persons will assist Gary
Nunnally at the Lectern. As
people grow in strength, so
the church becomes strong.

MANY THANKS...

to Betty Grimm, Val Taylor,
Earl Plummer, Judy Church,
Debbie White, Mark Snyder,
Pauline Snyder and Genevieve
Ripple for folding the mailing
that will be in neighborhood
homes the first week in Decem-
ber. Special thanks to Linda
Wiley for illustrating and to
Barbara Short for composition.
Five thousand homes will be
contacted by this "paper" in-
vitation to join First Christ-
ian in Worship for the Advent
Season. A personal invitation
is so much better. How many
people can you invite to join
with us in fellowship and wor-
ship during this very special
time of the year?

HONOR THE LORD IN WORSHIP!

WORLD'S FAIR TRIP PLANNED

The Membership Committee is sponsoring a Trip to the World's Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee from Monday, June 14 - Thursday, June 17. We will be chartering an Indiana Motor Bus and staying at Johnson Bible College. Accommodations will be dormitory style with bunk beds, restrooms down the hall and no air-conditioning.

In order to be able to keep the 25 rooms that are now being held by the college we have to have the confirmed reservations into Johnson Bible College by DECEMBER 1, although the DEPOSIT is not due until January 1, 1982.

To accomodate as many people as possible who would like to go to the World's Fair, there are Three (3) Packages available:

PACKAGE # 1 Cost = \$158.00 for two (2) persons. Based on a full 38 passenger bus, 3 nights lodging for 2 and 2-day tickets to the fair. DEPOSIT OF \$20.00 PER COUPLE FOR BUS/ROOM/TICKETS.	PACKAGE # 2 Cost = \$95.00 for a single person and includes 3 nights for 1 person, round-trip bus and a 2-day ticket. DEPOSIT OF \$15.00 for 1 person for BUS/ROOM/TICKET	PACKAGE # 3 Cost = \$68.00 for 2 persons - you provide transportation. Includes 3 nights lodging, and 2 2-day tickets. DEPOSIT OF \$12.00 PER COUPLE FOR ROOM/TICKETS
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MEALS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED IN ANY OF THE THREE PACKAGES MENTIONED ABOVE. THEY WILL BE IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE PRICES.

Children accompanied by parents on bus = \$45.00 Children staying in the same room with parents (up to 2 children to a room an additional \$2.00 per day per child.) Children's tickets to Fair are \$15.95 per child. (Children under 3 are free).

At this time we have room available for 50 persons. First Christian Members and Friends have first choice until December 1. After December 1 we will open it up to people in Area I Christian Churches. Deposits need to be paid to Church Office. Cancellations may be made until March 15, 1982. For further information contact Rev. Gary Nunnally at the church office or Mrs. Sue Kerley (747-3628) or (447-1558). PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR EARLY RESERVATIONS! Don't take a chance missing out on this opportunity for fun and fellowship.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:15 and 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:30 P.M. Christian Education
Committee

7:30 P.M. Pastoral Relations
Committee

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:00 A.M. Ruth Group, Miriam
Bixenman, 4430 Wilmette

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group, Rychie
Smell, 4026 Roxton Ln.

7:00 P.M. Choir/Drama Rehearsal

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

SOUP, POWDERED MILK, PEANUT
BUTTER, CANNED MEAT

PARLOR FUND CLOSED!

We have reached our goal
for the Parlor Fund and it is
closed! Thank you to so
many of you for contributing
in so many ways to see this
project fulfilled!

WEEKEND CUSTODIAL HELP SOUGHT

The Property Committee is
seeking someone to work as a
Weekend Custodian. This would
be about 4 hours on a weekend.
Call Robert Johnson for further
information.

ADVENT-CHRISTMAS BOOK SALE

BEGINS THIS SUNDAY AFTER THE

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. WORSHIP

IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

POINSETTA PLANTS GIVEN

In Memory of Al Schell

by Emma and Schellie Schell

In Memory of Bud Haines

by Bette Haines

In Memory of Monty Tobias

by Phyllis Tobias

In Memory of Paul Truby

by Grace Truby

In Memory of Charles King

by Ethel King and Lillian Buss

In Memory of our father and
mother

by Ethel Shroyer and

Sarah (Shroyer) Smith

In Memory of Mr. and Mrs.

Charles Sargent

by Mr. & Mrs. John Weyer

In Memory of Vaughn Brickley

by Mrs. Vaughn Brickley
and family

In Memory of Harry Ashe and
Leona Schnobel

by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Schno-
bel

In Honor of Mrs. Ina Smith

by Mrs. Mary King

Gifts from:

Mr. & Mrs. Art Huddleston

Miss Mildred Hartman

Poinsetta Plants may be donated
anytime before December 7.
Plants may be donated directly
or money donated for their pur-
chase (\$7.50). Please call
the church office.

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER

NOVEMBER 29-DECEMBER 5

James Clausen (29)

Opal Perkins (29)

Bethel Breeden (1)

Cindy Akers (3)

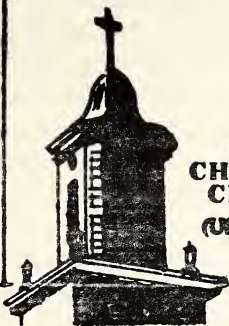
Wayne Phillips (3)

Karen Flickinger (4)

Donna Johnson (4)

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WANTING

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

WAITING

DECEMBER 6, 1981

SECOND ADVENT CANDLE: Bethlehem. After a brief introduction, Micah 5:2-4 will be read, followed by an interpretation and prayer.

MON: "Journey into Faith -- Awakening", with an exposition of Luke 1:26-38.

SONGS BY THE PEOPLE: "O Come, Emmanuel", "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing", "The First Noel"; "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

SPECIAL CHORAL MUSIC: Judy Smith will be the soloist. The Chancel Choir will sing "Child of Promise" with Barbara Busse playing the flute.

WATCHING

WORSHIPPING

DYING OF THE GREENS: 5:00 P.M. Plans include decoration of our entire building. Members of the Worship Committee have accepted the following assignments: Sanctuary: Kenneth & Elinor Place and Charles Ludwig; Fellowship Hall: Jerry & Sandy Zimmerman and Laura York; Parlor: Delores Keebortz & Miriam Bixenman; Five Outside Windows: Jim & Leesa Jump; Youth Lounge: Chi Rho & CYF; Church School Classes Each class decorate their own rooms. Come! Join the fun and fellowship and help make our church beautiful for this joyous season. A brief worship service will follow in the sanctuary.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS TO COME:

DECEMBER 13 9:30 A.M. All-Church School Assembly. Special presentation by the Clown Ministry Group. All classes in Fellowship Hall.

DECEMBER 13 5:30 P.M. Musical Drama "Home for Christmas" in sanctuary followed by dessert in Fellowship Hall.

DECEMBER 20 12:00 Noon All-Church Christmas Luncheon prepared by the youth - freewill offering.

DECEMBER 20 6:00 P.M. Caroling in busses. Dessert afterwards.

SERVING DECEMBER 6

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and
Judy Church
10:45 A.M. William Johnson and
Joe Wiley

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson-SW, D.
Keebortz-NW, J. Hendricks, M. Busse
10:45 A.M. K. Crowford-SW, M. Mul-
len-NW, K. Flickinger-SE, M. Cal-
lahan-NE, B. Wyant, R. Flickinger,
E. Klepfer, L. York

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M.
M. Bixenman - N. Lucas
S. Hayes - T. Harter
J. Church - B. Briggs
B. Taylor - K. Rogers

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Jeanne Feltenberger
10:45 A.M. Max & Lois Finkhousen

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Lola Miller & Marilyn Rayl

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS

8:15 A.M. Donald & Sarah Smith
Ethel Shroyer
10:45 A.M. Dave, Debbie & D.J.
Rinker
Ken & Elinor Place

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

463 Mrs. Bernice Montgomery

577 Mr. Art Busse

M-117 Mrs. Ardith Wrisk

ST. JOSEPH:

495 Mr. Ralph Reynolds

FORK MISSING

Mary Cook is missing a cream-colored serving fork which was used November 17 at D.M.A. Did you take it home by mistake?

THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS

EXCELLENT THIS YEAR!

Our total giving for the special Thanksgiving Outreach Offering was \$714.02! A total of 431 items were given in our Food Commucopia. Thanks to everyone who have so generously!

CWF MEETING THIS SATURDAY

The CWF Christmas meeting will be this Saturday, December 5 beginning at 11:00 with a special gathering time to visit friends and meet new ones. The Salad Potluck will begin at 11:00. During the meal there will be a brief business meeting. Following the meal a special Christmas Program under the direction of Sara Davis will be presented. It is not too late to plan to attend. Bring a salad to share at your table service.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS NEEDED

The Worship Committee suggests that if members have extra Christmas decorations they would loan them to the church. Please bring them to the Hanging of the Greens on Sunday evening.

THANKS FOR WORK

Our grateful thanks to Donald and Sarah Smith for repair and refinishing our offering plates.

AN INVITATION

We have been invited to share in the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Fellowship Bible Church this Saturday evening, December 5, at 7:00 P.M. This is the congregation that meets in our building on Saturday evening. Our congratulations!

SOCK AND MITTEN TREE

If you notice a rather plain-looking Christmas Tree in fellowship hall soon we're counting on you to help decorate it. Let's cover it with warm socks, mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves. These items will be shipped to Maropi Moduleanale, our fellow disciple in Botswana, who will distribute them to needy children there. All of these warm things will arrive in time for the cold season in Botswana. Their location south of the equator means winter begins for them when our summer starts. So, look for that tree!

Your Outreach Committee
P.S. Donations of money to help pay shipping costs will be welcome.

CHRISTMAS CARD TREE

Our Christmas Card Tree (actually two very attractive banners on which the cards are placed) will be located in the narthex again this year. Send your Christmas greetings to our Church family with one card addressed to the church. Your greetings will be relayed to everyone in the TIDINGS and the money you save on cards and postage by not mailing to all your church friends will be sent to the Emily Flinn Home for the aged in Marion and the Cleveland Children's Home in Ohio. Sign one card, include your donation (if check, make payable to First Christian), and send or bring to the church office. This is our "special-over-and-above-love-gift" to our Benevolent Homes closest to us.

ADVENT-CHRISTMAS BOOK & JEWELRY
SALE continues this Sunday in
FELLOWSHIP HALL.

WORLD'S FAIR TRIP PLANNED!

RESERVATIONS for the World's Fair trip to Knoxville, Ten. (June 14-17) need to be in as soon as possible. A 38 passenger Indiana Motor Bus has been secured and we will need to fill the bus or the cost per person will go up.

As of December 1, the Trip is NOW OPEN TO ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSON: friends or relatives of members, members and friends of Area I churches.

Please contact Gary Nunnally (744-3239) or Dr. Bill and Sue Kerley (747-3628) for more information. Make reservations in the Church Office.

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

During the last two months we have received twenty (20) resumes, to review. These have come from the regional office and also recommendations from other sources. We are in process of soliciting tapes from those we feel will meet the profile you have established with us. We do sense an urgency to fill our senior pastor position. However again, we need to have the "right" person for our congregation. We need your continued prayers and reinforcement to accomplish our project.

George Bruckman,
Chairman, Search
Committee

BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO MEET

The December meeting of the Board of Trustees will be this coming Tuesday, December 8, at 7:30 P.M. It is vital that all members elected to this Board be present to transact the business of the church

CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

5:00 P.M. Youth leave for Retreat

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

11:00 A.M. CWF Gathering Time

11:30 A.M. CWF Salad Potluck

12:30 P.M. CWF Christmas Program

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

2:00 P.M. Caller's Meet

5:00 P.M. Hanging of the Greens

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:30 A.M. Study Group

7:00 P.M. Clowns

7:30 P.M. Worship Committee

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 7:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

6:30 P.M. Martha Group, Laura

York, 6008 Arlene

6:45 P.M. Starshing

7:30 P.m. Search Committee

7:30 P.M. Deborah Group, Sharon

Pauley, 2720 Marcey Lane

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:30 A.M. Rachel Group, Library

1:00 P.M. "The Helper" Class

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir/Drama

7:30 P.M. Stewardship/Finance

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER DECEMBER 6-12

Millie Arruza (6) Mabel Shinn (11)

Ethel Richart (6) Sara Davis (12)

Phil Bozarth (6)

Brenda Hiatt (6)

Sue Kerley (6)

Lois Coleman (8)

Clifton Bowman (9)

Sandra Elser (9)

Rosemary Day (10)

Bill Franklin (10)

Ruth O'Laughlin (10)

Rolland Ripple (11)

Laura Sauerwein (11)

POINSETTA PLANTS

The following persons have given plants since our listing last week.

In Memory of Glen L. Edgington

by Wilberta Edgington and

Julia Bicknell

In Memory of Ann Jolene

by Maurice & Avis Thompson

In Memory of Paul Kenline

by Fern Kenline

In Memory of Walter Keebortz

by Delores Keebortz

In Memory of Walter Birkhold

and Barton Johnson

by Ethel Birkhold

Gifts from:

Gus Mueller

George & Virginia Bruckman

Miriam Bixenman

Jack & Pam Bickel

Mary Lou Hartzler

Mildred Hutchinson

YOUTH NEWS

CHI RHO'S CONDITION

by Shannon Jones

Hi! Chi Rho completed its current study last Sunday. We want to thank Mrs. Mory for leading study last week. Next week Chi Rho will decorate in the Youth Lounge.

CYF

The CYF will leave for the Spiritual Life Retreat Friday at 5:00 P.M. Meet on the Church Parking Lot. In case of emergency the youth may be reached at the Indian Lake Retreat Center.

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317-823-4766.

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 13, 1981

THIRD ADVENT CANDLE: Shepherds. After a brief introduction Luke 2: 15-20 will be read, followed by an interpretation and prayer.

SERMON: "Journey into Faith -- Conflict", with an exposition of Matthew 2:7-16.

CAROLS BY THE PEOPLE: "O Come All Ye Faithful", "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks", Silent Night, Holy Night, "Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

SPECIAL CHORAL MUSIC Becky Stucky will be soloist. The Chancel Choir will sing "The Star Carol" in the 10:45 Worship Hour.

A CHRISTMAS CLOWN CELEBRATION

This Sunday, December 13 at 9:30 A.M. during the Church School hour, our own Clown Ministry Group - "The Jolly Jesters for Christ" - will be presenting an All-Church School Worship Celebration. This event is for all ages. Everyone should report to their class for roll call. An announcement will be made to call all to Fellowship Hall. Parents, please call for your children in their classroom and sit together as families.

MUSICAL DRAMA, "HOME FOR CHRISTMAS"

will be presented in the Sanctuary this Sunday at 5:30 P.M. The musical will feature our Chancel Choir, Starshine Singers, the Children's Choir and the Bell Choir. A small drama group will be a part of the production. "Home for Christmas" is an experience of love, the touching experience of a family as they learn where "home" really is. The musical is being directed by Ann Hayes and Barbara Short. A dessert smorgasbord hosted by the Worship Committee will follow in Fellowship Hall.

SERVING DECEMBER 13

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and
Janet Weicker

10:45 A.M. Joe Wiley and
Barbara Short

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Young-SW, P. Yentes-
NW, J. Briggs, J. Franklin

10:45 A.M. J. Jump-SW, N. Lucas-
NW, B. Norman-SE, J. Bickel-NE, P.
Mullen, T. Harter, G. Falbe, J.
Stucky

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Earl & Reba Fusselman

10:45 A.M. Don & Barbara Short

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Jim Stucky and Gary Falbe

COFFEE HOUR HOST

Carole Overmyer

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH:

517 - Mrs. Jane Harts

574 - Mr. Steve Montgomery

495 - Mr. Ralph Reynolds

LUTHERAN:

761 - Mr. Jack Bickel

TO CONVALESCENT CENTER

Mr. Art Busse is now a patient
in the Colonial Crest Convalescent
Center, Room 220.

VISITORS IN WORSHIP

(first-time visitors in worship
this past Sunday were:)

Amy Shuler, 3405 Broadway

Mr. & Mrs. Brian Malone,

338 E. Madison

Jack Haugher & David Whippel,

338 E. Madison

Mrs. Iras Johnston, 4933 S. Harrison

CHURCH DECORATIONS LOVELY!

The "Hanging of the Greens"
last Sunday evening was beau-
tifully done and the church
building is lovely! Many say
it is prettier than they ever
remember. Our thanks to the
many persons who have had a
part in preparing the decora-
tions and giving leadership
in this area.

SOCK, MITTEN, HAT, SCARF TREE NEEDS MORE DECORATIONS

The only way to "decorate"
this tree (which is located in
Fellowship Hall) is to bring
knitted hats, mittens, or
scarves or socks to put on it.
These warm winter things will
be sent to Maropi Moduleanele,
our friend in Botswana. If
you would like to contribute
money for the postage to send
these things we would welcome
it.

DESSERTS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY EVENING

The Worship Committee would
welcome donations of desserts
for the Smorgasbord Sunday
evening. Please bring on Sun-
day morning and leave in the
kitchen.

WEDDING OF MEMBER

The congregation is invited
to the wedding of Linda Eich
to Keith Pressley in our sanc-
tuary December 12 at 5:30 P.M.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who helped
Dr. Thompson with the food
gifts at Thanksgiving.

Mabel Cross

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO THE CONGREGATION

The following persons have sent one card to the congregation as their Christmas Greeting. The cards are displayed on banners in the Narthex. You, too, may participate in this annual program which not only provides a way to greet your friends in the congregation, but gives an over-and-above love gift to the Emily Flinn Home and the Cleveland Christian Home. Send your card and a donation (an amount saved by not buying cards and postage) to the Church Office.

Miriam Bixenman and Peggy Buskirk

August Mueller

Gwynth Rice

Pearl Schroeder (Barbara Short's mother)

Mr. and Mrs. William DeVinney

Fern Kenline

Bob & Esther Clipp

Gene & Polly Auer

Geneva Ferguson

Charline Craig

ALL-CHURCH CAROLING DECEMBER 20

THERE WILL BE TWO ALL-CHURCH CAROLING PARTIES NEXT SUNDAY. At 1:30 P.M. following the All-Church Christmas Luncheon, we will go by car to the State School to carol to residents there for about an hour. Everyone is welcome!

AT 6:00 P.M. two Chartered PTC buses will leave our Parking Lot to carol to some of our special members. This is an all-age, all-church event! Bring the family! Refreshments will be served afterward.

ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Sunday, December 20 at 12:00 noon the youth of the church will host a "CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON" for the entire church which they will prepare and serve. A menu of Italian spaghetti, manicotti, salad, garlic bread. several types of dessert, milk, tea or coffee is planned. All proceeds from the free-will offering will go for the youth's Retreat-In-Motion trip next summer. Following the meal there will be a short "treat" for the children. Reservations are a must! Use the sign-up sheet on Sunday or call the Church Office.

ADDITIONAL POINSETTAS GIVEN

In Memory of George D. Bicknell

by Julia M. Bicknell and

Wilberta D. Edgington.

In Memory of Charles Eckert

by Mrs. Frances Eckert and

Kirby & Jody Brown

In Memory of Linda Kirtley

by Grant & Jessie Fern Woodward

In Memory of Ollie Wiley

by Mr. & Mrs. Homer Stevenson

Gift from: Ennis & Gini Brown

We thank all who have shared in this beautiful project!

"God in Christ became the Son of man that we might become sons of God."

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

3:00 P.M. Clown Practice

5:30 P.M. Wedding

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. All-Church School

Christmas Assembly (see page 1)

2:00 P.M. Set-up for Musical

3:00 P.M. Musical Rehearsal

(Child Care for cast members)

5:30 P.M. "Home for Christmas"

(Child Care for pre-schoolers only)

6:30 P.M. Dessert Smorgasbord
in Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

12:00 Noon Rebecca Group in
Fellowship Hall

6:00 P.M. Fellowship Guild
Christmas Dinner at Richard's
Resturant (Paulding Road)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

12:00 Noon Business Managers
Luncheon, Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

1:00 P.M. "The Helper" Class
(last day)

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, CANNED MEAT,
NOODLES, CRACKERS, RICE,
CEREAL

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

DECEMBER 13 - 19, 1981

Harley Meadows (15)

David Overby (15)

Randy Hunt (16)

Debbie Stam (17)

Fran Eckert (17)

Thelma Haxton (17)

Cindy Ebetino (19)

Albert Farrow (19)

Tim Knuckles (19)

Marie Atkinson (19)

YOU...TH NEWS

This Sunday evening, both youth groups will be attending the musical drama, "Home for Christmas" in the sanctuary at 5:30 P.M. followed by dessert in Fellowship Hall.

Next week during the church school and worship hours the youth will be cooking and getting ready for the Christmas luncheon.

Sunday evening, December 20, the youth will participate in the All-Church Caroling party on buses. The buses will leave the parking lot at 6:00 P.M.

LLOYD OGILVIE TO HUNTINGTON

The Central Christian Church in Huntington will sponsor an appearance of Lloyd Ogilvie on Tuesday, January 12. He will speak following a dinner at the church at 6:00 P.M. The cost for the dinner is \$4.00. Having a ticket for this meal will insure an up-front seat at the Message and Worship to follow at Huntington North High School which is located directly behind the church. (Ogilvie will speak at both the church and the high-school--different messages). The dinner reservation deadline is January 5. Call our church office if you want meal reservations.

ADVENT BOOK SALE CONTINUES THE
NEXT TWO SUNDAYS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES
-- 7:00 P.M. Family Worship
-- 11:00 P.M. Candlelight Worship

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8:15 and 10:45 o'clock ----- December 20, 1981

FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE: Fulfillment, using Luke 2:8-14 for Scripture.

SERMON: "Journey into Faith - Fulfillment", with an exposition of Luke 2:15-20 as the concluding message in this Advent series.

CAROLS BY THE PEOPLE: "Joy to the World", "Angels We Have Heard on High", "Away in a Manger", "Go, Tell It on the Mountain."

ORGAN-PIANO offerings by Jerry Zimmerman and Valetta Parlette will be "Overture to the Messiah," "Lo, How a Rose", "Verite Adoremus".

CHOIRS: Chancel Choir will sing both hours "Sing Gloria" and the Children's Choir will sing "The Gift Most Treasured" at 10:45 A.M.

12:00 Noon - ALL-CHURCH LUNCHEON a menu of spaghetti, manocotti, salad, garlic bread, desserts and coffee, tea or milk prepared and served by the youth to support their Retreat in Motion trip to Florida this summer. A special surprise for the children.

1:30 P.M. - CAROLING by car to the State School

6:00 P.M. - CAROLING by bus to Special Care members. Refreshments afterwards in Fellowship Hall.

TWO CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIPS

7:00 P.M. - Family and Children's Christmas Eve Worship with Sonshine Puppets and celebration of Jesus' birthday.

11:00 P.M. - Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship.

SERVING DECEMBER 20

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and
William Franklin
10:45 A.M. Ben Taylor and
Sam Hayes

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Olson-SW, J. Hendricks-NW, M. Hutchinson, M. Busse
10:45 A.M. S. Knuckles-SW, J. Jump-NW, B. Kerley-SE, M. Mullen-NE, L. Finkhousen, W. Bowen, L. York, H. Stevenson

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Robert & Inez Petty
10:45 A.M. Mike & Pat Mullen

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M.
Ennis Brown-Paul Yentes
Ralph Church-Mel Busse
Sam Hayes-Jack Bickel

-Marvin Crouse

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mike Mullen & Bernie Norman
(There will be no Coffee Hour this
Sunday because of the All-Church
Christmas Luncheon)

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

M-104 - Mr. Allen Creager
589 Mr. Donald Pomeroy

ST. JOSEPH:

623 Mrs. Jane Harts

VISITORS IN WORSHIP

(first-time visitors in last Sunday's worship were:)

Carl & Ruth Landis, Huntington
Brother Edward Doran, Doug Stein-
eman, Pat Leffers, and Ken Macy,
St. Francis College

FROM A MEMBER...

Wow! This Advent Season at First Christian has been a blessing to all. The sanctuary has never been lovelier and the programming has been superb. Our worship services have touched hearts and spoken to our spirits. Surely God is smiling on us! Let's thank Him for each person who is allowing Christ to move in our church. As we anticipate the coming celebration of the birth of our Saviour, let our hearts be molded and changed to allow Christ's spirit to bring forth your prayers with adoration for Jesus who gives power and blessings to those who hunger for Him. Pray each day that we will be lifted to new dimensions in our spiritual lives and realize the fullness of Jesus Christ.

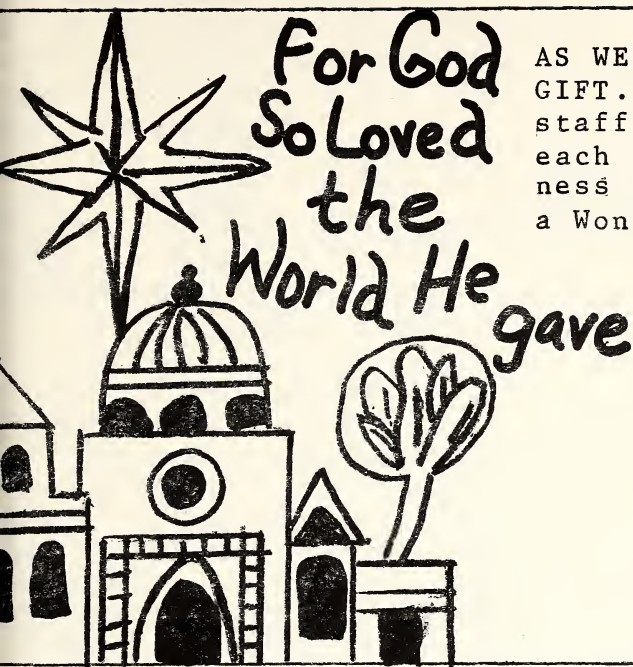
In Christian Love,
Karen Flickinger

POINSETTA GIVEN

In our previous listing of Poinsetta Plant donors we omitted the names of Clover and Lucille Branstrator. They are giving their plant in thanks to Dr. Thompson, Gary Nunnally and Janet Weicker for ministry to them. Our apologies for omitting this in previous listings.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Jo Flickinger and Ron Flickinger in the death of Ward Rosenberger on Friday, December 11 in Tiffin, Ohio. Mr. Rosenberger was Jo's father and Ron's grandfather.



AS WE CELEBRATE GOD'S GREATEST GIFT...HIS SON...We as your staff and our families wish each of you the true Blessedness of the Christ Child, and a Wonderful New Year.

J. Maurice Thompson
Gary D. Nunnally
Barbara Short
Diane Johnson
Max Finkhousen
Ann Hayes
Jerry Zimmerman
Shirley Callahan
David Mosier
Diane Mory
Earl Fusselman
Candy Spangle

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO CHURCH FAMILY. . .

Dick, Barb, & Marcie Johnson
Grace Truby
Grant & Jessie Fern Woodward
Jerry, Sandy, Eric & Mark Zimmerman
Bill & Anna Taylor
Hazel & Bill Crouse
Mary Wagner
Jim, Becky, Jeremy Alan Stucky
Linda, Joe, Erin & Brian Wiley
Delores & Scott Keebortz
Jack & Janet Weicker
Walter Bowen
Bill & Joan Franklin
Carole Overmyer

Earl & Reba Fusselman
Glenn & Lola Miller
Mary Cook
Mary Wilhelm
Ann & Gene Shirley & Jim
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Linn
Ethel Allen
Dorothy Schmidt
Ralph & Jackie Keller
Margaret & Bill Love
Bill, Nila, Bill Jr., Beth &
Sue Ellen Schilling
Hazel Cleaver & Gladys Hoop
Leland & Mary Higgins

Franklin & Rachel McGuire (their letter is posted on bulletin board)

LEST WE FORGET...

Christmas is caring and sharing...living and giving...Send or bring your Christmas Cards and donations to the office (this over-and-above love gift will be divided between Emily Flinn Home and Cleveland Christian Home). Bring your caps, mittens, socks and scarves to the tree in Fellowship Hall.

--Your Outreach Committee

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
3:00 P.M. Lafayette Place Assoc.
Christmas Party in Fellowship
Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Worship Hours
9:30 A.M. Church School
12:00 Noon All-Church Luncheon
1:30 P.M. Caroling at the
State School (meet on parking
lot at 1:30 - go by car)
6:00 P.M. Caroling by Bus
from our parking lot.
Refreshments afterwards
Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

12:00 Noon Church Office Closed
7:00 P.M. Family Christmas Eve
Worship
11:00 P.M. Candlelite Christmas
Eve Worship

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, CANNED FRUIT,
CANNED MEAT, PEANUT BUTTER

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER DECEMBER 20-27

Marge Lehman (20)
Diana Wortley (20)
John Morris (20)
Cory Church (21)
Archie Hendrick (22)
Elaine Feaser (22)
Diana Duly (23)
Roger Hendrickson (23)
William Crouse (24)
Mike O'Laughlin (24)
Richard Thompson (24)
Hortense Stevenson (24)
Susan Watson (25)
Suzette Lowenstein (25)

THIS IS LAST SUNDAY FOR BOOK-
JEWELRY SALE.

YOUTH NEWS

This Sunday evening both youth
groups will participate in the
All-Church Caroling party. Buss
will leave the parking lot a
6:00 P.M. Youth should be he
by 5:45 P.M.

RECEPTION TO HONOR JOHN COMPTON AND HIS WIFE

Marion Smith, the Moderator
of the Indiana region of the
Christian Church (Disciples of
Christ) has written inviting all
congregations in the region to
the farewell reception for John
Compton as he leaves the post of
Regional Minister. The recep-
tion will be held in the Commu-
nity Room of Christian Theological
Seminary in Indianapolis on Jan-
uary 10 from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Dr. Compton becomes the Presi-
dent of the Division of Homelam
Ministries of the Christian
Church (Disciples of Christ) on
January 1, 1982.

OGILVIE TO HUNTINGTON JANUARY 12

As we announced in last week's
TIDINGS, well-known author and
pastor, Lloyd Ogilvie, will speak
in Huntington on January 12. He
will speak following a dinner at
6:00 P.M. in the Central Christ-
ian Church. He will also speak
at 8:00 P.M. at Huntington North
High School which is located di-
rectly behind the church. The tic-
kets for the dinner are \$4.00.
Having a ticket for dinner also
assures you an up-front seat at
the 8:00 P.M. event. Reservation
deadline is January 5. Call our
church office to make reserva-
tions.

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Christmas in the air"*

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CHURCH CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

12:00 Noon Office Closed

7:00 P.M. Family Christmas
Eve Worship

10:00 P.M. Candlelight Christmas
Eve Worship (Prelude at 10:45)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:30 P.M. Pastoral Relations

COUNTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED MEAT

POWDERED MILK; CRACKERS

*When the song of the angels is stilled
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with
their flock,*

The work of Christmas begins:

*To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.*

-- Howard Thurman

TWO CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES

7:00 P.M. FAMILY & CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP. This
worship is geared for families
(all are welcome!) Gary
and Becki Nunnally will be
leading this service with
the Sonshine Puppets making
a special presentation.
There will also be the special
celebration of Jesus' birthday.

11:00 P.M. CANDLELIGHT CHRIST-
MAS EVE WORSHIP. George
Bruckman with Gary Nunnally
and Jerry Zimmerman will lead
this service of Candlelight
music and meditation. Diane
Mory will be soloist. Jerry
will play an organ prelude
beginning at 10:45 P.M.

GARY NUNNALLY TO PREACH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

Gary Nunnally, our Associate
Pastor will preach at 8:15 and
10:45 A.M. this Sunday "Christ-
mas Is Over -- Now What" with
Luke 2:25-38 as scripture text.
David Mosier will be the solo-
ist in both hours and the Chancel
Choir will sing at 10:45 A.M.

SERVING DECEMBER 27

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ennis Brown and
Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Miriam Bixenman and
Ralph Church

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Church-SW, T. Sauer-
wein-NW, D. Keebortz, P. Yentes

10:45 A.M. V. Taylor-SW, J. Hudlow-
NW, N. Lucas-SE, K. Rogers-NE, M.
Callahan, S. Grimm, M. Crouse

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. George & Virginia
Bruckman

10:45 A.M. Bernie & Pat Norman

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mike Mullen and Bernie Norman

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

The Flickinger family

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH:

711 - Mr. George Davis

LUTHERAN:

M-104 - Mr. Allen Creager

CONGRATULATIONS ON HONOR:

Tony York was awarded the Eagle
Award in Scouting on December 15.
Congratulations! We are proud of
you!

THANK YOU NOTE:

*I wish to thank all those who
visited me during my stay in the
St. Joe Hospital.*

Ralph Reynolds

OUR GIVING TO ACTS

This past week we received a
letter from the Regional staff
of the Christian Church (Dis-
ciples of Christ) in Indiana
thanking us for our support of
the ACTS - A Call to Service --
Campaign. Our commitment as a
congregation over a three year
period was \$36,000. To date we
have sent \$36,325 which com-
pletes our commitment. Accord-
ing to a recent report, our
congregation ranks sixth in
giving to this campaign in the
region.

DEATH OF MEMBER

Mr. Willis Van Alstine, a
member here since 1923, died
on December 18. Gary Nunnally
conducted memorial services on
Monday, December 20.

ITS A BOY!

Manyla and Soubinh, a part
of our Laotian family, are the
proud parents of a baby boy,
Jerry Banhdasack Inthimat who
was born December 22. He wei-
ghed 6' 14". Congratulations!

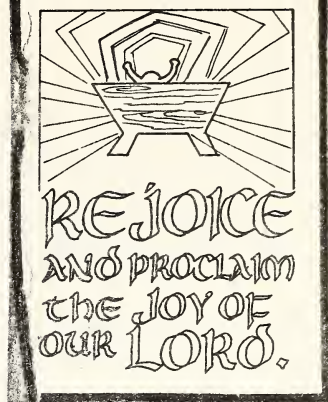
ADDITIONAL POINSETTIA GIVEN

Mrs. Bette Gerrard gave a
poinsettia plant in memory of
her husband, John.

On Monday of this week all
of the plants were taken to
the homes of our special care
members. Again, thank you all
for helping beautify our sanc-
tuary and share love with some
of our special members.

Christmas Greetings

Margaret & Bert Leversee
Bette Gerrard
Vada Tatman
Delores Overmyer
The Zieglers
Earl & Ruth Plummer
Ralph, Judy, Cory & Dan Church
Mike, Pat, Sara, & Steve Mullen
Jim, Leesa, Kristi, Kelli, & Kyle Jump
Bob, Bev, and Nancy Hendricks
George, Robin, and Greg Hosfield
Susan and Allen Creager and children
Maurice and Avis Thompson
Andy Cook
Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Stevenson
George and Virginia Bruckman
Gary and Becki Nunnally
Don, Barbara, Ryan & Mary Martha Short
Andy, Janice, Jennifer, & Jill Benny
Roxy Wunderlich
Merle, Betty, Steve & Bruce Grimm
The Wyant Family - Bill, Nancy & Shannon
Harold & Edna Nordblom
Kenneth & Beulah Timmons



MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER DECEMBER 27 - JANUARY 2

Gertrude Heavin (27)
Michele Reeves (27)
John Mathis (28)
Steven Powell (28)
Sarah Smith (28)
Jack Bickel (29)
Kathy Lee (29)
Lucille Branstrator (29)
Celestia Walters (29)
Alan Creager (2)

PARLOR BENEFIT AUCTION ARTICLES NOT CLAIMED

Will the persons purchasing a pine cone wreath and a batch of peanut-butter cup candy at the Auction which benefited the Parlor Fund please call Miriam Bixenman (745-3365) so that she may see that you get the items you purchased?

*"Will the best gift you give be to Him
whose birthday it is?"*

THAT GLORY NIGHT

A Christmas Fantasy

by G. Louis Bailey

What a glorious sight it was, zipping by the Andromeda Galaxy, with its billions of sparkling suns, some white like diamonds, others reflecting vivid shades of turquoise, blue and green, yellow, red, and pink. And, in the distance, swarms of star clusters and high nebulous clouds of stars were displaying their delicate colors.

It was almost with reluctance that I left such heavenly beauty. My destination was in another part of our boundless universe. At this point in my journey, to my telescopic eyes, an object appeared as a large whirlpool of swirling clouds, its outer edge like miniature flakes of snow. In time past it was known as the Milky Way. I was viewing a celestial body some two million light years away.

Time and space meaning nothing to me, because of the extraordinary powers I possess, in a twinkling of an eye, I found myself in the midst of the most beautiful surroundings. Actually, it was nearly a duplicate of the Andromeda Galaxy from which I had just departed.

Reducing my pace to one thousand times the speed of light, I entered familiar star formations one of which is called Orion. I could have touched some of the flashing suns in this group, which have names such as Betelgeuse, Rigel, Antares, Anilam and Alnitak - names given them by ancient astronomers. And not far above Orion I could see the dazzling, glittering, blue-white cluster of the Pleiades.

Then I spotted the object of my journey, a magnificent blue and white celestial globe in the distance, glowing with the illumination of that yellow and white sun just mentioned. Slowly I approached this lovely jewel, the better to enjoy its breathtaking splendor. No human language could describe it. This was my goal, an amazing place I had visited many, many years before.

Oh! I suppose you must wonder who I am, and I have kept you waiting. I am one of the angels, a member of the "Heavenly host" who startled the group of shepherds in a field near Bethlehem when we sang "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, and good will toward men."

We were there to celebrate the birth of a babe named "Jesus." That beautiful night I knew any power I might possess was immeasurably insignificant compared to His.

The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth his handiwork. - Psalm 19:1

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CHURCH CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

12:00 Noon Church Office Closed

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 1982

Happy New Year!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

4:30 P.M. Bell Choir

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

MONDAY, JANUARY 4

9:30 A.M. Study Group

7:00 P.M. Clown Group

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

7:30 P.M. Search Committee

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

6:45 P.M. Starshine

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

7:30 P.M. Stewardship/Finance
Committee

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

CANNED MEAT

POWDERED MILK

CANNED FRUITS and
VEGETABLES

WORSHIP ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF 1982

Gary Nunnally will preach this Sunday at both worship hours. His sermon will be "Faith and Boredom" with John 5:1-9 as the text. David Mosier will direct the Chancel Choir at 10:45 as they sing "I Heard the Bells/Wonderful Peace". Diane Mory is the soloist this Sunday. Begin the New Year in worship of the Lord of Life!

(We think a lot about RESOLUTIONS at the beginning of a New Year. Perhaps these words of Jonathan Edwards will help our thoughts.)

I AM RESOLVED...

- To live with all my might while I do live;
- Never to lose one moment of time, but improve it in the most profitable way I possibly can.
- Never to do anything which I should despise or think meanly of in another;
- Never to do anything out of revenge;
- Never to do anything which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life.

SERVING JANUARY 3

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and
Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Barbara Short and
Sam Hayes

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M.

10:45 A.M. L. York-SW, P. Mullen-NW, V. Taylor-SE, G. Falbe-NE, J. Jump, K. Rogers, J. Stucky, M. Finkhausen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M.

D. Keebortz - M. Mullen

G. Klepfer - W. Bowen

J. Wiley - P. Yentes

B. Taylor - B. Norman

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Laura York

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Opal Carper, the Pauleys and
the Yorks

THANK YOU NOTES:

Blessed Christmas to who ever was responsible for the beautiful poinsettia I received. The nurse said it was from my church - no card accompanied the gift but I appreciate being remembered - I never get to church anymore but I am interested in its progress.

The plant makes a bright spot in my room and gives me much pleasure. My Christmas wish to you all.

In Christian love,
Elna Taylor

P.S. I enjoyed the carollers who sang to me Sunday evening also.

VISITORS IN WORSHIP

(A first-time visitor in worship last Sunday was:)
Dan Kaiser, 504 E. Rudisill

BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO MEET

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

All members of the Board of Trustees please note: The January meeting will be on MONDAY, January 11 at 7:30 P.M. This is a crucial meeting and all members are needed!

GIVING STATEMENTS FOR 1981

WILL BE MAILED NEXT WEEK

Due to the holiday coming at the end of the week, we will not be able to mail the 1981 giving statements until early next week. To answer some questions which have been directed to the office, those who requested 1982 giving envelopes will receive them in the mail.

THANK YOU'S CONTINUE!

Thank you so much for the beautiful poinsettia plant.

Mabel Cross

George Bruckman, Chairman of the Worship Committee wishes to thank the Committee members for all of their work during the Advent Season.

(NOTE) We want to thank this hard-working committee, too, and a special thank you to all who helped make Advent and Christmas such a beautiful, meaningful season in our church!

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS SENT FOR EVERYONE. . .

The following persons sent Greetings for Christmas since our last list in the TIDINGS. To date \$500.00 has been received in donations with Christmas Cards! This is wonderful! This giving will be given as an over-and-above love gift to the Emily Flinn Home in Marion and the Cleveland Christian Home for children.

Ed & Rosalie Hall
Arthur & Ruby Mowery
Clover & Lucille Branstrator
Harold & Colyn Crowder
Tom, Laura, Gary & Tony York
Jack, Doris, Tim & Laura Sauerwein
Ed & Sue Allen
Mel, Barb, Chris and Matt Busse
Scott & Laura Berkey

JANUARY OPPORTUNITIES

JANUARY 12 - Lloyd Ogilvie to Huntington - January 5 is the deadline for reservations for dinner at Central Christian Church in Huntington to hear Lloyd Ogilvie speak. The dinner cost is \$4.00. He will speak following the meal at the church. He is scheduled to speak again at 8:00 P.M. at Huntington North High School. (These will be two different talks). Having a dinner reservation insures you of a good seat at the 8:00 P.M. event. Call the church office for reservations.

JANUARY 16 - MINI-RETREAT FOR ELDERS at Maurice and Avis Thompson's Huntington home. All Elders should reserve this day for spiritual growth and renewal.

JANUARY 24 - AREA-I ASSEMBLY at NORTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH. The program will feature a visit from Marion Smith, the Moderator of the Christian Church in Indiana and Ron Parker, Associate Regional Minister of the Christian Church in Indiana. The Assembly will begin with registration at 3:00 P.M. and will conclude at 8:00 P.M. Our STARS^{SHINE} SINGERS will participate in the closing worship service. More details in forthcoming issues of THE TIDINGS.

TO WHOM SHALL I (WE) GIVE?

(Note: The following article has appeared in several church newsletters. We saw it in Elkhart Central's Centralite and felt it worthy of sharing.)

The question is often asked, "Who needs and who deserves the financial support I am able to give?" Consider these annual budgets and their programs:

Oral Roberts.....	60 million
Armstrongs.....	65 million
PTL Club.....	25 million
Jerry Falwell.....	33 million
C.B.N. (Christian Broadcasting)....	58 million
Billy Graham.....	38 million
Rex Humbard.....	18 million
Robert Schuller.....	11 million

These total \$338 million and support 3 churches, 5 schools, 1 hospital, television and radio ministries and some mission work. COMPARE: THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ) TOTAL RECEIPTS in the United States and Canada is \$200 million. THESE FUNDS support the General Offices, 4,362 churches, 4 seminaries, 18 colleges and universities, 1 hospital, 1 retreat center, 5 divinity houses and seminary associates, aid to refugees in over 35 countries, 1 publishing house, 4 home mission centers, 20 aged and children's homes, radio and TV spot announcements, 125 missionaries in 22 countries, and an average of 45 conventions and 82 transfers into church membership each day.

YOUR CHURCH IS ALIVE AND WELL! SUPPORT IT! Your local Church deserves the first priority in your giving.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

JANUARY 3-9, 1982

Marvin Roseberry (3)
Scott Johnson (3)
Velma Hechler (4)
Patricia Campbell (4)
Arulith Wrisk (4)
Clair Buskirk (4)
Linda Wiley (4)
Bill Caldwell (5)
Ramona Ketner (5)
Miles Driver (6)
Eva Rousseau (6)
Ken Taylor (7)
Bill Schilling, Jr. (8)
Julius Clausen (9)

BELL CHOIR TO BEGIN SUNDAY

The Handbell Choir will rehearse this Sunday at 4:30 P.M. This group is open to all ages. David Mosier is the new director. Let's support this excellent expression of music in our congregation!

CHRISTMAS OFFERING EXCELLENT!

Our special Christmas offering totals \$629.39 to date. We received \$500 in Christmas cards. This \$500 will be divided between Flinn and Cleveland Homes.





